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# Scottish devolution 'guillotine' is carried by 26 votes

The Government had an un- Labour MPs joined Conservatives expectedly high majority of 26 in last night's Commons vote for a "girllotine" measure limiting WIDE Econom debate on the Scottish devolution Bill: Voting was 313 to 287. Nine was 314 to 287.

to vote in the "Noes" lobby. Later voting on a guillotine for the Welsh devolution Bill produced a government majority of 27. Voting

#### Wales vote through by 27

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The Government last might samped out the Commons devo-hation, "rebellion," carrying the key "gentilotine" motions by majorities of 26 for the Scot-land Bill and 27 for the Weles Bill.

The votes, which limit debate The votes, where of the Bills and thus accelerate their progress towards passage next summer were: 313 to 287 for the Scottish measure and 314 to 287 for the Welsh Bill.

If the House of Lords does to the delay maters, a big "if", not delay maters, a big "if", so the Government hopes to hold referendums next autumn in both Scotland and Wales and, assuming popular acclaim, hold elections in March, 1979, to the 150-member Scottish assembly and the Welsh assembly of about 70 members.

As predicted, the Labour revelt collapsed, although far revelt collapsed, although far comprehensively than many defield the government as whip and voted with the Coposition in the Scotland Bill. Only seven Labour MPs abstained. seven Labour MPs abstained.

That compared with 22

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Labour MPs opposing and 21

Million abstentions when the Government lost the guillotine vote on derfebruary 23 on the combined devolution Bill.

Few outside the government whips had expected the Labour rebellion to dwindle to last night's rump. Clearly many Labour MPs from the North who hated the Scotland Bill reals refuse in the argument that there was little point in derailing the Government now when they could as some announced, campaign against the referendums on devolution.

Me the voters in Scotland It's preceding the Scottish hotine vote heard some ring rhetoric and some dire nings about wrecking the ted Kingdom through devo-

ion to separate assemblies. But, clearly, few minds were wayed against the Government.
he Prime Minister returned from a visit to Rolls-Royce at Derby in time for the division, and he beamed at the unexpectedly large majority.

His whips hugged themselves. past week when some of them became anxious; there is little pleasantly surprised them.

When the figures were announced by the Speaker, there was excitement among the Scotwas exchement among the Scot-rish National Party MPs, all 11 of whom voted with the Gov-ernment. They made abundantly clear during the debate that they regarded devolution as a mere stepping stone to full independence for Scotland.

The vote's broader meaning that the Government can continue, without parliamentary distraction and with dignity retained, about its business, and about its legislative pro-

Defeat would have upset the "natural government" image affected by the Government. Victory does not bestow any reinforcement of that image. But it means that the devolution issues should proceed rigidly through the parliamen-tary machinery, with attention turning next to the European Elections Bill, to face a guil-lotining measure next week.

The Government owed last night's victory to the support of 12 out of 13 Liberals who had voted against the Government last February, and to Plaid Cymru, whose three MPs, like the 11 Scottish nationalist members, voted with the Government.

The two Scottish Labour Party MPs, normally anti-Government rebels, of course also voted for devolution; so did two Irish members.

The only remnant of Conservative commitment to the Government's form of devolutica in Scatland were two abstainers, Mr. David Knox (Leek), and Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith (Angus North

Voting with the Conservaat about 270, were the nine Labour MPs, one Liberal, Mr Richard Wainwright (Colne, Valley), and the six Ulster Unionists,

The technical application of the so-called guillatine motions, is that 17 legislative days will be allocated to the Scotland Bill, and 11 days, assuming passage, for the Wales Bill. That is for the committee and report stages and third reading. Its effect is that the Scotland

doubt that the final figure before the Scotland Bill is com-

Upon passage the Bills would be put to separate referendums for voters in Scotland and Wales The Commons would consider the referendum results before deciding to enact.

The Government was committed to standing by its Scottish allies, the Scottish Council of Labour, who feel they could not face the nationalists in another election without the promise of devolution fulfilled.

devolution fulfilled.

The Labour MPs who voted against the Scottish guillotine measure were Mr Abse (Pontypool), Mr Cunningham (Islington South and Finsbury), Mr Dalyell (West Lothian), Mr A. Evans (Caerphilly), Mr Garrett (Wallsend), Mr Leadbitter (Hardepools), Mr Moonman (Basildon), Mr Mendelson (Penistone). Mr Mendelson (Penistone), Mr Phipps (Dudley, West). Labour MPs who abstained

Labour MPs who abstained were Mr Brown (Hackney, South and Shoreditch), Mr Ryman (Blythe), Mr Lewis (Newham, North West), Mr Lomas (Huddersfield, West), Mr Spearing (Newham, South), Mr Conlan (Gateshead, East), and Mrs Dunwoody (Crewe). Mr Kilfedder (Ind Unionist, North Down) also abstained.

Those Labour MPs who changed their position and voted for the guillotine, having opposed it last time, were: Mr Dean (Leeds, West), Mr Mann (Merton, Mitchem and Morden), Mr Lamond (Oldham, East), Mr Hamilton (Gravesend), Mr Parker (Dagenbam). end), Mr Parker (Dagenbam), and Mr - Urwin - (Houghton-le-

Representatives of the Shet-land Isles appear to have got some satisfaction from the gov-ernment in their meeting yesterday with Mr John Smith, Minister of State, Lord Privy Seal's office. It seems that they will postpone holding their own unofficial referendum via postal hallot, on whether they shall be

treated as part of Scotland. Their MP, Mr Grimond, will table an amendment making for a separate, distinct count from Scotland's in the main referendum. At all events, Mr Grimond overcame his doubts and voted with the Government last night.

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## Dying Mr Biko was taken on 750-mile overnight drive

Pretoria, Nov 16
Steve Biko, the South African
Black Consciousness leader. was placed naked in the back of a Land-Rover and driven 750 miles from Port Elizabeth to Pretoria just a few hours activities including setting up before he died on September a united revolutionary front, an

This was stated on the third This was stated on the third day of the inquest into Mr Biko's death by Captain D. P. Siebert, a member of the security police team which interrogated Mr Biko for five days until his death.

Evidence was also heard from

involved in violent subversive activities including setting up allegation also made yesterday by another security policeman.

Major Harold Snyman.

Mr Sydney Kentridge, counsel for the Biko family, again interjected that the security police were trying to smear Mr Biko after his death. Under cross-examination

Private Richard Hastie, aged 17 (right), helping to fight a fire at King's College Hospital,

Fire puts £70m power station out

of action for 'nine or ten months'

Colonel Piet Goosens, the divisional commander of the security police in the Eastern Cape. Both Colonel Goosens and Captain Siebert claimed to have evidence that Mr Biko was not available. Mr Biko was involved in violent cultural and applications of the said he had been ordered to drive Mr Biko to Pretoria in a Land-Rover. A military aircraft was not available. Mr Biko was naked when placed in the said that the said that the said had been ordered to drive Mr Biko was not available. Mr Biko was naked when placed in the vehicle since a naked man was less likely to try to escape. Blankets were provided.

According to Captain Siebert's evidence, the policemen who accompanied Mr Biko Captain in the Land-Rover had no train-ing as medical orderlies nor any equipment with them except a water container. Medical documents were not taken on the journey because it was believed

that medical facilities would be available at Pretoria. When the inquest opened on

Monday the court heard that Mr Biko had been kept naked while being held in the cells at with foam round his mouth, breathing rapidly and with a glazed look in his eyes.

Captain Siebert remarked to-day that Mr Bike "manifested deep breathing process" day.

a deep breathing process " dur-ing the night-time journey three-

quarters of the way across South Africa to Pretoria.

However, he insisted that a the time he did not believe Mr Biko was really ill. Doctors in Port Elizabeth had not been able to find anything wrong rogation. Before heing moved to Pretoria, Mr Biko had been found lying on the cell floor with foam round his mouth seriously ill and that he feared

for his life.
Later, under cross-examina-tion by counsel for the police, Mr P. R. van Rooyen, Captain Continued on page 5, col 8

#### Leyland to be split up into four companies in Edwardes shake-up

drastic shake-up of British Leyland's top management, aimed at the devolution of power to four newly-created subsidiary companies and a streamlining of decision-making.

In a scheme devised rapidly by Mr Edwardes during his first two weeks in the top Lev-land seat, the holding company board of directors becomes largely a non-executive body. A new advisory board is created, comprising executives from the operating companies

programmes put forward". The plan, endorsed by the National Enterprise Board, will mean the closure of the company's headquarters in Marylebone and the redeployment of the majority of its 550 corporate saff Redundancies

corporate staff. Redundancies were said to be inevitable. Mr Edwardes said his plan

Mr Michael Edwardes yes cess of decentralization begun terday unveiled his plan for a in 1975—after the Ryder report on British Leyland. The possibility of further "evolu-tion" over the next 12 months was being studied. The main elements of the new

structure of Leyland's corporate management will be a board of directors, the advisory board, a strategy panel, management resources panel and investment panel. Mr Alex Park, formerly chief

executive and now an execurive vice-chairman, remains on the board and becomes chair-man of the investment panel and headquarters. Its role will man of the investment panel whose role will be to review which all overall problems and opportunities of British Levland can be debated and action

The policy of creating more than the policy of creating more.

expenditure plans and budgets.
The policy of creating more manageable units is based on the reorganization "as quickly as possible" of four subsidiary companies. Levland Cars, Truck and Bus, Special Products and Leyland International will become limited companies, each with its own board of directors

#### Lord Scarman sees danger in race law

y Marcel Berlins declare the general principle Laws loaded in favour of of equal justice for all under sadvantaged minority groups, the law, while recognizing a disadvantaged minority groups, the law, while recognizing a like the Race Relations Act, temporary and limited excepshould remain on the statute tion in favour of members of book only for a limited period, disadvantaged groups? Lord Scarman said yesterday.

To do that it was necessary to have a Bill of Rights. "It is

Of action for "nine or ten months"

By Martin Buckerby:

One senior fire officer said:

The Central Electricity
Generating Board said last night that its £70m. Tilbury B

At several other incidents that my to date fire-fighting equipment was not available to the Army, "It is deplorable that night that its £70m. Tilbury B

Servicemen received first-aid this publicly owned equipment.

In the longer term individual rights must predominate.

Mr Farr said it was a scandal that up-to-date fire-fighting equipment was not available to the Army, "It is deplorable that out that the Act, which prohibited discrimination against this publicly owned equipment. allowed some discrimination in

> very dangerous ground. The risk is that in seeking to do justice to those who are disadvantaged we impose injustice on others", he said. Unless the law was loaded in their favour minority groups would never achieve true equality of opportunity, but any permanent loading may put the unity of society at risk of collanse"

He accepted that an unbaianced law, favouring some groups, was necessary as Britain started building a civilized plural society. "But Britain started building a civilized plural society. "But in a truly mature society we must recognize such laws as ultimately unjust."

To ensure that a temporary imbalance did not become per-manent "the law should

tion in favour of members of

to have a Bill of Rights, "It is not a substitution for detailed anti-discrimination laws, but a reminder that such laws must peril fundamental freedoms. and are, at their best, only a

"The law must continue to emphasize the ultimate value geneous society it may well be ute the basic rights and duties of men. But, as soon as the complexities of a plural society arise, a Bill of Rights, as the Americans bave found, can provide a body of principle. ple on which the legis nur 23 well as the courts can build.

Lord Scarman had earlier suggested that immigration into Britain in the 1960s had presented the "naturally toler-ant British" with the difficulties of the plural society, which their experience had not fitted them to meet.

pragmatic, empirical. We have not yet thought out a solution Continued on page 2, col 6

#### Bill should reach the Lords by Easter; with the Wales Bill committee stage likely to start Former Waffen-SS

officers were ordered out of Britain last night by Mr Rees, Home Secretary. They were here to promote a new history of the unit written by former members, and their visit had

oin them. The Home Office stated last night that the visit of the three "against public

They were to have taken part

They were then to have driven to a secret descination to lay a wreath on a memorial to British soldiers killed during the Second World War.

Lieurenant-Colonel Meyer and Churchill, MP for Streetford.

and the effects of smoke. Four were injured while puring our a fire in an office and warehouse block in "distance warehouse block in "distance warehouse block in "distance warehouse their emergency fire-

nower station would be out of action for nine or ten months as a result of a fire that had burnt out of control all day. The damage would run to "some The board said it will be at least 12 hours before the damage could be checked, but

it was already certain that two of the four generating sets had The Tilbury fire was only one indication yesterday of the increasing difficulties facing Servicemen as they tackled fires for which they lacked both equipment and expertise. In Glasgow, for example, they were under serious strain as they fought for 11 hours to cope with a burning warehouse in the Gorbals area, and elsewhere there were signs of stiffening attitudes among both the strikers and their employers Many pickets began to check the involvement in fire-fighting of strikers and

senior officers. in London, telephones at fire stations were cut off to prevent their unauthorized use by

Talks between the firemen's leaders and the local authority employers, aimed at finding a formula for regulating firemen's pay, broke up last night after four hours and will be

resumed tomorrow.

As night fell, the fire at
Tilbury was left to burn out and
the soldiers, helped by parttime firemen, policemen and the station's own fire crew, concentrated on reducing structural damage to the plant. Officials said the soldiers had not had enough foam equipment or breathing apparatus. The fire would never have got such a hold if the right equipment had been available quickly, they said. should remain in the possession

of people on strike", he said. Several suspected cases of arson were reported, including a fire at Speke Comprehensive School, Merseyside. At Rother-ham, South Yorkshire, a fireman was charged with starting fighting service large numbers a farm fire.

of pickets were devoting their A boy was charged with burglary and starting a fire at Eastbourne Grammar School. attention to people they re-garded as strike-breaking.

At King's College Hospital
Medical School, south Landon, In Northern Ireland small incendiary devices were found Medical School, south Landon, for example, pickers took names and photographs of strikers who helped to put out a fire. In the Gorbals photographs of senior officers on duty were taken.

Pickets appeared outside the Landon emergency control in two Londonderry boutiques and the police started a murde investigation after the death of a girl aged 15 in a fire at Ligoniel, near Belfast.

Mr Callaghan, who met London emergency control centre under Kingsway in an firemen's delegation at Derby, said the Government was sympathetic but had a responsiattempt to stop senior fire officers who are working with the Army to coordinate operability to the nation. No solution in sight: The strike

appeared likely to continue into next week after talks were tions. At Battersea, south-west London, strikers operated a "pirate" radio station, using fire station equipment and broadcasting on a fire-service frequency, to keep striking groups around London informed and to opening mobile adjourned last night between employers and union leaders in London (our Labour Reporter writes). The Fire Brigades Union executive committee will today consider the outcome of yesterday's negotiations. formed and to organize mobile pickets to stop strike-breakers. Nevertheless strikers did help in several incidents. They evacuated people in the Gorbals

Neither Mr Brian Rushbridge. secretary of the employers' side, nor Mr Terence Parry, general secretary of the union and helped to put out a house would give details of the talks fire at Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. Hoax calls continued in many will be resumed areas. At Acton Magistrates' Court, west London, the owner of an off-licence was fined 5200

Asked if he was hopeful of an end to the strike, Mr Parry said: "All strikes end somerime. Mr Rushbridge said there was

good deal of work to do vesterday by Mr John Farr, Conservative MP for Har-borough, demanded extra pen-alties, including imprisonment, would stay in close touch with Mr Party. News reader leaves ITN over

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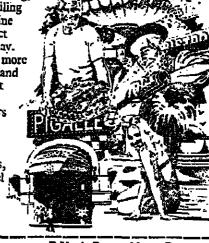
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#### Israel looks forward to Sadat visit

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Nov 16 In spite of an unexplained hitch in getting a formal invi-tation to President Sadat, Israel

was preparing for a visit by the Egyptian leader next week American sources were coy about why the message transmitted last night through the American embassies in Tel Aviv and Cairo could not reach President Sadat before he left

for Damascus.

A message from President
Sadar reached Israel today but
it was addressed to the sponsors of an international sym-posium on peace in the Middle posium on peace in the Middle East. The telegram, routed through Cyprus, called on the symposium to focus on the characteristics. people and their inalienable ight to statebood". Mr Dayan, the Foreign Miner, said today it was unlikely

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ace negotiations would be aducted during the proposed would not discuss a separate ace between Egypt and Israel. is was not authorized to nego-ite on behalf of the other Arab countries,

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: Mr Begin will arrive in London on Sunday and go directly to Chequers for talks with Mr Callaghan. The visit is expected to go ahead as planned, according to

official sources, because it will

not conflict with President Sadar's proposed visit to Jeru-Sadat reassurance, page 5

#### Briton killed in hovercraft blast

One Briton was killed, another is missing, presumed dead, and a third is critically ill after a hovercraft blew up off the Abu Dhabi coast. Altogether four people were killed when dynamite carried for seismographic work exploded on Tuesday night. Five Asian workers were still miss-ing yesterday. It is the worst known hovercraft accident. The dead man was named as Mr Stuart Low, aged 27, from Ryde, Isle of Wight.

# officers ordered out

By Stewart Tendler Waffen-SS Two former

provoked strong protests.
Lieutenant-Colonel Hubert Meyer, once a member of Hitler's personal bodyguard and a staff officer in a Panzer division, and Colonel Walter Harzer, commander of the 9th SS "Hohenstaufen" division, arrived in Britain yesterday morning. A third, unuamed officer, formerly Hitler's personal adjutant, was due to

men was policy".

in a press conference in London today to promote Waffen-SS: A History in 1,115 Pictures.

The book has been published in West Germany by a publish-ing house called Munin and distributed in the United King-dom by Munin (UK) Ltd, run from a Brighton address by Mr Patrick Hinchy, A woman there said yesterday that it also sold other books, including reproductions of posters from the Third Reich, and records of German marching sougs.

Mr Hinchy appeared on BBC television's Nationvide programme last night to argue the book's virtues with Mr Winston

> Steel chief upsets Select Committee

There were bitter exchanges in the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries when Sir Charles Villers, chairman of the British Steel Corporation, refused to give MPs details of the measures being discussed with the unions to avoid losses, estimated at £500m a year: Page 19

Minister under fire

The Opposition Labour Party in Australia called on Mr Phillip Lynch, the Federal Treasurer, publicly to disclose his business dealings because of allegations about his involvement in a land sale. Mr Lynch has denied the

Church backs unions Support for the principle of the union closed shop was expressed by a working party of the Church of England, sub-ject to safeguards. Page 2

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for making a hoax call on

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this little-known Arab state:

Victory not enough

England bear Italy 2-0 at Wembley last night in their group two World Cup qualifying match, Italy have only to beat Luxembourg in Rome next month to reach the finals. In other ties, Northern

Ireland defeated Belgium, 3-0, but Wales lost 1-0 in Czechoslovakia Page 10

for England

Bradley on the Conservatives new rancar image; Fashion by Prudence Glynn-Arts, page 8

John Higgins talks to Bernard Haitink about his first Wagner on stage; Alan Coren on Play for Today (BBC 1); William Mann on the new production of The Marriage of Figuro in Cardiff Books, page 12

Michael Ratcliffe reviews A History of Rhodesia by Robert Blake; Louis Heren on India: a Wounded Civilization, by V. S. Nainaul; Susan Hill reviews the last novel by P. G. Wodehouse.

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Boxing: Jim Watt's successful first defence of European talle; Trangs: John Lloyd defeats Cox at Wemoley; Racing: Michael Seely at Kempton Park Bashness News, pages 18-24

Stock markets: Though depressed by Umilever's figures shares: rallied and the FT Index Clased 3.6 off at 484.3.

Financial Editor: Talk of re-imposing the "corset": Underter, European demand Pay ceiling doubts Signs are clear that the increase in the total wages bill will be significantly above the Chancellor's 10 per cent tar get. Agreements covering four out of five workers, who should have settled since August 1, have still to be notified the coupon. Turin: Assistant editor of La Stampa shot in the face by Red Brigade ter-Yemen Arab Republic: A 10-page Special Report on the changing face of

"Underer European demand weak; Woolworth still out of Business features: Clifford Webb on devolution—British Leyland style; Caroline Atkinson argues that downward inflation trends may soon be reversed.

Russia sells **EEC** butter back to Italy The European Parliament was told yes-terday that EEC butter sold cheap to the Soviet Union in 1973 and 1974 was being resold at premium prices in Italy. An investigation by the European Com-

cooperation on the part of the Italian authorities" authorities " Croissant handover

mission is "hampered by a lack of

France handed over to the Bonn authorities Herr Klaus Croissant, the lawyer, who defended Baader-Meinhof terrorists, after a Paris appeal court had found partially in favour of the West German request for his extra-Page 4

ing libel damages

Wilson book writ Sir Harold and Lady Wilson have issued Home News 2-4 Business Court Court Crossword Appointments 17, 23 Diary a writ seeking an injunction to stop
publication of a book, Sir Harold Wilson
—Yorkshire Walter Mitty, written by
Andrew Roth and published by Macdonald and Janes. They are also Claim-

## Churchmen back closed shop with safeguards

the union closed shop was expressed yesterday by an expert bated by the synod last year, of compulsion in the nature of that competing claims need to democracy. In a report that will surprise the trade union move- the question, although it re-ment as much as the General ceived considerable minority Synod of the Church of England, the working party de-clares: "With the safeguards for individuals . . . we judge that closed shops may be legitimately negotiated in our

safeguards include adequate arrangements for appeals, sensitivity to individual cases in drawing up the

papers, the report describes the additional safeguards pro-posed to protect the freedom the press. Members of the working party said yesterday that they felt their general con-

jamming of

picket radio

Firemen at Battersea, south London, operated a "pirate"

radio station yesterday, using a short-wave fire service transmit-ter to broadcast strike news and

essages of support.
Calling themselves rank-and-

Calling themselves rank-and-file bulletin, they broadcast at two-hourly intervals for 13 hours to the other 115 fire stations in Greater London. They also organized flying pickets to go to stations where officers had been reported driv-ing through picket lines.

The Battersea men, whose broadcasts were heard outside

ondon, denied jamming emer-

gency channels. They said they

GLC instructions at 1 pm. At

the same time exchange tele-phone lines to all London's fire

stations were cut.

The firemen said they had

started broadcasting to counter

inaccuracies in reports of the dispute. The GLC said the men

were not supposed to be inside the building, where transmit-ters are housed in fire brigade

Glynn Michael Draycott, ged 31, a fireman, of Sorby

Way, Wickersley, near Rother-ham, South Yorkshire, was

charged yesterday with setting

fire to baled straw and tarpau-

Fireman on bail

emergency was broadcast. Their station was jammed on

off the air as soon as an

bated by the synod last year, which was amended into a de-mand for a detailed study of

Another debate is likely next year, with the prospect of a conflict between those who will support the report and those stand up for individual free-

Summing up the argument of the report yesterday, the Bishop of Middleton, Dr Wickterms of a union membership agreement, and a general exemption on religious grounds.

On the closed shop in editorial departments of news.

The working party, said: "The freedom of the individual is invaded by the closed shop, but also detended by the closed shop."

The working party, represented the control of the closed shop of the closed shop. The working party is the closed shop of the The working party, representing both sides of industry,

had concluded that the element of compulsion involved in a closed-shop agreement was acceptable, in return for the benefits gained by such

A fire at Tilbury power

station, Essex, was being

allowed to burn itself out last

night after army fire-lighters and part-time firemen had failed

to put it out.
Essex Fire Brigade said the

Essex Fire Brigade sand the fire had spread from the control room to the cable ducts "because of a lack of men and appropriate equipment".

The fire, which caused serious cracks in the £70m building capacitations.

building, opened only six years ago, started at 4 am. Thirty men from the Central Electricity

Generating Board left the build-

ing and three engineers who stayed to close the plant were taken to hospital for a time to recover from fumes.

Fifty Servicemen in five "Green Goddesses" with senior fire officers and the power station's own firemen fought all

day to control the fire. Foam equipment and reinforcements

were brought from other power stations, and by evening the fire

Efforts were immediately switched to trying to minimize structural damage to the 1,200-megawatt coal-burning station.

Two soldiers were detained in hospital because of

juries, and a third was released

Local firemen complained later about senior officers who

had dealt with the fire. They said pickets at Grays fire station

were called to the fire by offi-cers who said lives were in

danger. While they were away officers entered the station and

had been contained.

GLC orders | Power station seriously damaged

sent to closed shops applied an agreement. The bishop em-society between freedom and matter also to journalists, subject to phasized that it was felt that order, rights and obligations, belief, those extra safeguards.

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The phasized that it was felt that order, rights and obligations, belief.

The working party produced guidelines both for church members to understand the ssue and for implementation of the closed shop in practice. They are that unions are a legitimate means by which working people can be protected and represented; that they must and represented; that they must be democratic in principle and practice; that appellate machin-ery is needed to prevent abuse of power; and that a sense of

responsibility is important. Union membership agreements could be agreed with any exemption, negotiated in the light of circumstances. Those exemptions could be wider than the statutory exemption on religious grounds. Agreements could also exclude present employees who are not union members.

"Finally, we have seen the inevitable tensions that exist in

One picket said that in future they would listen only to ambu-lancemen. Another said that if the regular firemen had fought

the fire it could have been controlled in two or three hours. £250,000 Gorbals damage: Afire in a partly occupied five-storey building in Gorbals, Glasgow, burnt for 11 hours before

it was finally brought under control by 80 Servicemen using 10 mobile appliances yesterday (our Glasgow Correspondent

About 20 Royal Navy firemen with breathing equipment were present but were not used. Because of the danger of falling

debris and their lack of fire-fighting experience and equip-ment the troops were unable to enter the building to get to the seat of the fire. Their hoses were unable to reach the

Mr Robert Campbell, assist-

ant chief constable of Strath-clyde, said: "I think the troops

are doing very well indeed, but their resources are limited."

The loss of the building and damage to adjacent premises was estimated at £250,000.

Mr Richard Knowhon, fire master of Strathclyde, said: "If the regular firemen had been there the fire would have been

controlled in an hour or so. They would have tackled it from the inside and saved much of the building."

Soldiers overcome: Fifteen

of compulsion in the nature of that competing claims need to be assessed in relation to the demands of love as it may be worked out in terms of the just acid democratic ordering of

society", the working party

The working party did not look for any changes in the law on closed shops, although at a press conference the Bishop of Worcester, the Right Rev R. W. Woods, expressed misgivings about limiting the statutory exemption right to cases of religious objection. As chairman of the industrial committee of the church's board for social responsibility he had argued for an extension of that provision

The Bishop of Middleton disagreed. Once a general conscientious exemption was estab-lished, he said, it would be open to sayone not to join a union simply by declaring it to be a

oxygen. Strikers help: Striking firemen

helped to put out a fire in a

bungalow at Caister-on-Sea Norfolk. Two young children

had been rescued from the house by their mother, Mrs Barnes, before the Army and firemen arrived.

Bond Street fire: Army five-fighters brought a fire at Fen-wicks Bond Street store under

control yesterday.
Second thoughts: Fourteen firemen at Rushden, Northants, who decided on Tuesday not to support the strike had second thoughts and were

second thoughts and were picketing the station yester-

in Hertfordshire striking firemen said they would refuse to work with part-timers when the dispute is over. They said

part-timers at Hitchin had attended a fire at Stevenage,

to other classes of conscientious

asked about the effect of the existing closed-shop agreements in the case of firemen, remarked that firemen who had left their pickets to undertake life-saving missions had not so far been threatened but had in fact been praised by their union officials. strongly endorsed the

letter from Cardinal Hume in The Times, and repeated the cardinal's plea for some mechanism in society to identify proper differentials between jobs, particularly where dan-gerous and socially necessary work was involved. They were far from the posi-

tion of someone like Sir Keith Joseph, the bishop added, who wanted to see the closed shop banned by law. Provided there was tolerance compassion and acceptance of diversity, there was an opportunity to establish constructive closed shop agree-

ments.
Understanding Closed Shops
(Church Information Office,
Church House, Westminster, SW1,

#### Green Goddesses, escorted by police cars, attended the fire, and the troops used hydraulic platforms belonging to Islingplatforms belonging to Islington council. A fire in a 10-storey office building next to the City of London Polyaccimic in Marylebone Road, London, was brought under control by Servicemen last night. They were sublemed to constate a bard-rulie. allowed to operate a bydraulic pharform normally used to replace street lamps. Fears that cleaners might have been trapped in the building were unfounded Two army fire-fighters had to be given

Mr Honeycombe leaving ITN

#### Newsreader leaves ITN over firemen By Kenneth Gosling

Mr Gordon Honeycombe resigned yesterday from Inde-pendent Television News because of his strong support

for the firemen's caus He was suspended from news was suspended from news broadcasting duties on Monday after 12 years with ITN because of an article he wrote in the Daily Mail in support of

The suspension was to have

authority ".

It had already been announced that Mr Honey-combe would leave ITN on Boxing Day to concentrate on writing. But he said yesterday that he had already received work.

work.
In 1975 Mr Honeycombe wrote Red Watch, a book about the fire service, and a paperback edition is to be published next week. Mr Honeycombe is to undertake a tour to promote the new edition.

Mr Honeycombe telephoned to the Fire Brigades Union yesterday afternoon to explain that he had not been dismissed. Firemen at one station

had earlier refused to co-operate with an ITN filmcrew. CREW.

He said the Government had to bear responsibility for the strike. "It is a terrible responstrike. "It is a terrible respon-sibility. The fire precautions Mr Rees has drafted are in-adequate, there is no doubt about that. If people die, and property is destroyed, the responsibility is his, or rather

the Government's.

Magistrate says

Harry Bunker, aged 60, a magistrate, agreed at Winches-

ter Crown Court yesterday that he told lies when he denied

sexual play with a girl of 16

in a toy cupboard at a child-

ren's home, and about incidents

anddenly faced with the detec-

tive sergeant's questions there

was going to do about telling

Mr Bunker denies nine charges of indecent assault in-

with two other girls. Mr Bunker, formerly superintendent of the Hampsbire

he lied about

sexual play

# urged for assembly

Political Correspondent
With the two devolution Bills
now assured progress through Parliament, an all-party group of MPs yesterday tabled identical amendments to try to ensure that the new Scottish and Welsh assemblies are elected by the "additional member system" of proportional representation. The system was recommended

by the Ransard Society Comussion on Electoral Reform last year as a method of elec-tion to the Commons. For the Commons it was proposed that there should be a House of 640 MPs (compared with the pre-sent 635) all of whom would sent 035) all of whom would have been candidates in 480 single-member constituencies. Voting would be by the traditional X and they would return 480 MPs. The remaining 160 MPs would be elected from the regions, each having a number of additional seats proportionate to its electorate.

In the amendment rabled for

In the amendment rabled for the Scotland Bill, it is proposed that there should be 100 con-stituency members, elected by the first-past-the-post system, to be joined by 50 "additional members" to bring up the parties to overall proportion-ality. The total of 150 is the same as that proposed in the

constituency members would be elected for the first election to the assembly (to obviate the need for bounadry changes) on the basis of one each for the 42 smallest con-stituencies, with one seat each for Orkney and Shetland, and two each for the largest 28 constituencies making 100. The 50 additional members would be allocated to bring each purty that had more than five per cent of the popular vote up to overall proportionally. These additional members would be drawn from a "priority list" published by each party in Scotland. Each voter would have two votes on the same ballor paper.

ballot paper.

Of these, the first would be for his constituency MP; the second would signify his party preference and would be counted towards the total for the allocation of "additional"

The amendment to the Wales Bill is drafted on the same principle but with a total of 75 seats, as provided in the Government's proposal, being divided into 50 constituency members and 25 "additional members" Constituency members "Constituency mem members ". Constituency mem-bers would be elected one each for the 22 smallest constituen-cies and two each for the 14

#### PR change | Publication of Wilson book to go ahead

Much of the book trade has

Hatchards, the Piccadilly

bookshop, has already said that

it will not offer the book for sale, because Sir Harold is a

Solicitors acting for the pub-

lishers said last night that the

mere issue of a writ would be

unlikely to prevent publication

altogether, and that it might be

up to two years before the High Court would hear an application

for an injunction, provided an

interim injunction was not sought in the meantime.

restraining the author, pub-lishers and printers from pub-lishing, in the book or else-where, information about the private lives and personal affairs of Sir Harold and Lady Wilcom religious to their man-

Wilson relating to their mar-riage, information about their

private legal or financial affairs, and informacian about " private

transactions and communica-tions" between Sir Harold and

other member: of the Government during the years 1974 to

The writs seek damages for breach of confidence contained in the book.

Mr Andrew Roth, the author, is best known for his compila-tion of Parliamentary Profiles.

a directory that lists the business and other vested interests

The writs seek an injunction

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action and requesting them not By Alan Hamilton action and requesting the Sir Harold Wilson, the former to put the book on sale. Prime Minister, has partially succeeded in frustrating the publication of a new book complied with the request; W. H. Smith, the leading book wholesaler, said yesterday that it was taking legal advice and would not have copies on sale which contains hitherto unpublished allegations about his private and professional life.
The book, Sir Harold Wilson,
Yorkshire Walter Mitty, by
Andrew Rosh, a freelance politoday, and Foyles, the London bookshop, said it would also refuse to put copies on sale

tical journalist, covers Sir Harold's childhood, his marri-age, political career, and Resignation Honours list, and conwilson, Lady Falkender and other figures associated with Sir Harold during his political

Last Friday a writ in the name of Sir Harold and Lady Wilson was issued by Oswald Hickson, Collier and Co. the London solicitors and served on the author, publishers and printers of the book, seeking an injunction to stop publica-tion, and claiming damages for

tion, and claiming damages to libel and breach of confidence, the latter claim being an unusual legal device.

A separate writ was served on Beaverbrook Newspapers Ltd after publication in the Daily Express of an allegation contained in the book relating to Lady Falkender and her two-children children. Last night the publishers,

Last night the publishers, Macdonald and Jane's, said they intended to go ahead with publication today as planned. When the writ was first issued on Friday they halted distribution of copies to bookshops, took legal advice and have since resumed emphilies.

supplies.
When issuing the writs Sir Harold's solicitors took the additional step of writing to many bookshops and whole-salers advising them of the legal

## 'Strange and tasteless'

By Humphry Berkeley
Sir Harold Wilson, Yorkshire
Walter Mitty is a strange and
tasteless book. Mr Roth
describes it as a "political
biography". Few of his readers
could regard this description as
accurate. The first two chapters
which cover thirty-eight of the
volume's 313 pages are almost volume's 313 pages are almost solely concerned with Sir Harold's resignation as Prime Minister in 1976 and his Resignation Honours list .

Mr Roth also contrives, which

nobody has so far attempted, to paint a disagreeable portrait of Mary Wilson which goes far beyond her known dislike for political and public life. It must be regarded as quite

an achievement to write a political biography of a former Prime Minister that barely refers to his eight years at 10 Downing Street except in the context of his final honours

list as unfortunate but, even Sir Harold's harshest critic in this regard would scarcely wish his eight-year period in the highest post in the land to be expunged from the history

Mr Roth's account Harold's early political life, encompassing his rapid rise to Cabinet Office and his resignation from Mr Attlee's Government, is not unsympathetic. This suggests that for some unfathomable reason Mr Roth changed his mind, when part of the book had already been writ-ten, as to the nature of the work that was ultimately to appear under his name. This is unfortunate since it would have been a better publication if he had not done so. Sir Harold Wüson, Yorkshire Walter Mitty, by Andrew Roth (Macdonald and Jane's, £7.95).

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#### Suspicion of sectarian revenge in girl's death

Belfast Police believe that Marcla Gregg, aged 15, the first person to die in a fire in North-ern Iteland since the firemen's strike began, may have been the victim of sectarian or paramilitary revenge. She lived with her mother and father and nine brothers and sister in a remote farmhouse at Ligoniel, about

eight miles from the centre of Belfast.
The Greggs, who are Protestants, moved in to the house last December, soon after three women had been shot dead by raiders in a building only 50 yards away. It became clear yesterday that they had been subjected to much intimidation since then. Finally, a petrol bomb was thrown through a

window early yesterday.

Although no claim for responsibility had been made for the attack the Provisional IRA or some other extreme republican group was at first suspected.

another theory emerged. Mr Gregg was a Crown witness at the trial that followed the murder of three

**Bureaucracy** of

By Christopher Thomas The Manpower Services Com-

mission was criticized yesterday after announcing that it intended to run its future youth unemployment programme through a system of 28 area

boards.
Youthaid, a pressure group, which is increasingly finding itself in conflict with the com-

mission's approach to unem-ployed young people described the decision as outrageous. Mr

Christopher Brooks, the direc-

tor, said the commission had

ignored theadvice of local auth-

orities, unions, MPs and others who wanted to ensure more local control of the programme. Area boards, the commission

says, will consist of an indepen-dent chairman, two employers, two trade unionists, two local

authority representatives, one

education service representative, one representative of vol-

untary organizations, and one chairman of a district manpower

committee.
Youthaid and other critics

argue that the area board sys-tem will not give a sufficient voice to the localities and that

it will require a big bureau-cratic structure. The commis-

sion says many more, smaller

boards would result in too fragmented a system.

**youth jobs** 

plan attacked

young Scottish soldiers near list " group may have taken its

revenge.
The 11 other members of the Gregg family escaped from the burning house, some by leap-ing from an upstairs window where Marcia was last seen alive. She had been too afraid

Lieutenant Timothy Coles, in charge of the "Green Goddesses" which went to the fire, emphasized that no firemen would have been able to rescue the girl.

In the strongly republican Ballymurphy district of west Belfast a volunteer fire service of about 30 men has been set up with support from Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA It will restrict its efforts to Roman Catholic areas, but it has no ladders and only one

hose so far. In Londonderry small incendiary devices were discovered last night in two boutiques in a main shopping street. Neigh-bouring shop owners were asked to return to check their

Action Group.
Actording to caluculations made by the authors (the first time, they say, that the complete figures have been worked out) there has been a £15,000m loss of output with a further

loss of output, with a further E5,000m loss of tax revenue

and expenditure on redundancy payments and social security

The authors conclude that

be in poorly paid jobs; that the old, the unskilled, the racial

minorities and women are

being pushed out of their niches in the labour market,

and that growing reliance on supplementary benefits points

to increasing pauperization among those out of work,

It is argued that present post-

Keynesian theories of unemployment, particularly the

belief that trade unions have been responsible for inflation, fail to differentiate between

groups of workers. Central to

market, the authors coucluding

that the use of unemployment to overcome inflation fails

strike at the labour sectors in which there is the strongest

upward pressure on wages, but

unemployment has been on an upward trend for 20 years; Correspondent that those most at risk tend to Special drives on

#### No evidence that Services want unions, minister says

soldiers were overcome by smoke and fumes in a ware-house in Clerkenwell Road in central London last night (a Staff Reporter writes). Eight men's pay claim.

By Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, confirmed yesterday that he had no objec-tion to the Armed Forces seek ing trade union representation if that was what they wanted. But there was no evidence that they did.

Nor did he think it would

help to solve the present prob-lem of regaining comparability between Service and civilian pay, although he acknowledged there had been some "slippage".

The difficulty facing the Ser-

vices, he said, also confronted their civilian counterparts, and it would be unrealistic to consider the Services apart from It would also be unrealistic for any government to provide unlimited resources for defence. There was no differdefence. There was no difference in principle between the two major parties, and apart from criticizing the Government's policies the Conservatives had given no indication of what they would do for defence.

Mr Mulley, who was speaking to the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies

Jobless cost put at £20,000m in 3 years

By a Staff Reporter

The government's policy of running the economy with high size the individual suffering levels of unemployment has cost the community almost £20,000m since 1974, according to a book published today. Its editor is Mr Frank Field, director of the Child Poverty Action Group.

The aims of the book according ing to Mr Field, are to emphasize the individual suffering behind unemployment figures, and to challenge the mythology that being out of work is in some way a failure of the of imports. Increases in national income fuel the growth of imports into Britain to a greater extent than is the case with our competitors.

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tish, and that there is no obvious

Special drives to detect people who work while claim-

ing unemployment benefit in London are being considered

by the Department of Health and Social Security. That was disclosed yesterday in the Treasury response to the reports of the Committee of Public Accounts for the 1976-77

The ninth report of the committee, published in September,

found that £2.6m of overpayments of social security in 1975-76 was attributable to

fraud or suspected fraud. That

was about a quarter of the overpayments that year, most of which were caused by official

error, and total overpayments amounted to 0.12 per cent of the social security budget.

During 1975 eight department regions began 50 special drives against fraud. The 39 completed found fraud in a third of the

explanation of why a man of 50 should be acceptable to American or Swedish employers but not to British.

After discussing measures to make the Government's target ment should pursue a more active anni-dumping policy and impose selective import quotas The Conscript Army: A Study of British's Unemployed. Edited by Frank Field. (Rounledge and Kegan Paul Ltd., 53.25).

£2.6m in benefit frauds

uniform or rank structure for

"utterly inconceivable".

Mr Mulley acknowledged that
the Armed Forces were overstretched. He said Northern

Healthy rivalry was a good thing, and he could see no

uniform or rank structure for the Navy, Army and air force.

"But I still feel that we are not sufficiently aware that we have to put forward a total defence picture to our civilian counterparts", he said.

Some progress had been made but there was now for made, but there was room for more in the interests of cost-effectiveness. He referred parti-

effectiveness. He referred particularly to the medical services,
to the opportunities for joint
training of helicopter pilots and
and to shared recruiting offices.

"Although we should try to
retain the traditions of the
single Services, we should also
try to bring home to the public
the importance of national
defence", he added. A military
situation in which a single
Service would be involved was
"utterly inconceivable".

Ireland was an example of a commitment that had not been

with our competitors.

It is proposed that the government should pursue a more active anti-dumping policy and impose selective import quotas

cases investicated, at a cost of

1,213 man days, and showed sav-ings of £5,600 a week. The com-mittee expressed surprise that "the apparently successful fraud drive method had not

been attempted in the London regions where, we would ex-pect, employment opportunities

may be better than in other places, and suggest that it should be".

the committee's reports in the last session said yesterday that

the department's London regional controllers "will examine whether available re-

sources could with advantage

be deployed on special fraud drives in London, raising into

account the resources needed for investigating cases of

suspected fraud".

Both the Department of Health and the Department of Employment will also review manpower requirements for in-

vestigating cases of suspected frend.

The Treasury response to all

## The suspension was to have lasted until the end of the strike, but after he had seen Mr David Nicholas, editor of ITN, a statement appeared on office notice boards saying that both men had agreed that Mr Honeycombe's wish to speak freely on the issue was incompatible with his news reading duties. Continued from page 1 "The compared to the laster was incompatible with his news reading duties." A Bill of Rights is vital,

parible with his news reading duties.

Mr Nicholas praised his great professionalism and cies preferring to use administration.

Continued from page 1 "The complexities of the plural society are such that without a Bill of Rights we are in danger of losing our sense in danger of losing our sense." ties, preferring to use adminis-trative and legislative methods

wherever possible." The British had sought to do by a spate of detailed legis-lation what the Americans had sought to achieve by reliance offers to do more television on a written constitution, a Bill of Rights and judicial

decision. A Bill of Rights for Britain would be to remind legislators that laws had to be consistent with the human rights of everyone. It would provide criteria for judicial interpretation of such legislation.

tion of such legislation.
"It will enable the public to appreciate that the bureaucracies such laws establish, the loading of the law in favour of the disadvantaged, and the restrictions imposed on other people's freedoms are no more than expedients to be genuine equality is achieved.

of direction." If Britain moving towards a corporate state where the units that mattered were collective in character, where the individual's only chance of fulfilment was through the group, a Bill of Rights was a serious obstacle. A Bill of Rights and the corporate state could not live together, he said.

"But if we have retained our view that it is man, not his method of organizing himself that ultimately matters, and that the law is to be based, as hitherto it has always been, on the equal justice for all, then a stab. Bill of Rights is imperative to keep alive our principles dur-ing a period of social develop-ment in which it is necessary to load the law in favour of deprived groups."

Leading article, page 15

#### Duke flies in for first look at royal grandchild

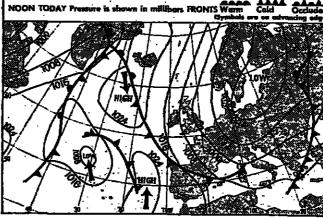
The Duke of Edinburgh drove straight to St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, after landing at Heathrow from Germany yesterday to see his grandson for the first time. He joined the Queen, who was having her second look at Princess Anne's baby.

They were joined after 10 minutes by Captain Mark. Phillips, making his second visit of the day. The Princess is expected to

leave hospital tomorrow for Buckingham Palace. She and her husband have not yet chosen a name.

Claim against actor Mr Wilfrid Hyde White, the actor, had a receiving order made against him at London Bankruptcy Court yesterday on the perition of the Inland

### Weather forecast and recordings



Today County Council home, said: 'At the time I was under a Sum rises: Sum sets: great deal of stress and when was a slight panic on my side. "I knew my wife did not know what I had done, and I had two grown up children and they did not know. I saw my whole world crashing and I had to have time to think what I

volving five girls at the home. Mr Roger Titheridge, QC, for the defence, said Mr Bunker

admitted five incidents involving three girls, two of them teenage sisters. Mr Bunker said the incidents happened after the girls had left his care at the home and were living else-Mr Bunker described sexual play between himself and one of the girls. He denied evidence given by five girls that while they were living at the home he had indecently assurbed them, sometimes in the hall, in the toy cupboard and on holiday trips.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud.; f, fair;

sleet, snow on high ground, surery intervals; wind NW, strong to gale; max temp 6°C (43°F). Sum rises: Sum sets:

7.22 am 4.9 pm

Moon rises: Moon sets:
12.36 pm 11.14 pm

First quarter: 9.52 pm.
Lighting up: 4.39 pm to 6.54 am.
High water: London Bridge, 5.49
am, 6.7m (22.0ft); 6.24 pm, 6.8m
(22.3ft) Avonmouth, 11.34 am, 11.6m (38.0ft). Dover, 3.0 am, 6.3m (20.6ft); 3.39 pm; 6.0m
(19.6ft). Hull, 10.31 am, 6.7m
(22.1 ft); 10.40 pm, 6.7m (21.9ft).
Liverpool, 3.19 am, 3.4m (27.5ft); Aberdeen, Central Highlands, 13.45 pm, 3.6m (28.1ft).

A cold N airstream covers the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals; scattered showers of rain or sleet; snow on high ground; wind N, strong to gale; max temp 5° or 6°C

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SW England, S Wales: Sea passages: S North Sea, Scattered REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: C, cloud; f, fair;



or strong, increasing gale et-times; sea rough, perhaps very: rough later. English Chennel (E), St-George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NW, strong or gale; sea



#### It is trooted to complete consultation about appointments to the area boards by the end of the year and it is intended that necessarily because it does not board should have its own budget. The commission intends to review the operation of the job programme after 12 to 18 months. at the low-paid and those with little job security.

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very rough. Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 5 am to 5 pm, 9°C (48°F); min; 6 pm to 6 am, 6°C (43°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 65 per cent. Rain, 24m; to 6 pm, trace. Sunday, 24m; to 6 pm, 24m. Bar, mean see level, 6 pm, 992.9 milithers, falling, 1,000 milithers, 29.53in.



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## Cumbria wants to transfer its

Combria, geographically one of the largest counties in England, wants to leave the Government's Northern Region, which has its head office in Newcastle upon Tyme, and "rejoin" the North-west Region, based on Manchester.

Candwiz was created in 1974 one of the old Cumberland, Westmonland and parts of Lancachire. Many of its 470,000 population have felt themselves in en unenviable position since joral government reorganization because some of the government départments that serve them based in Newcastle, others

Their electricity is adminis-tered from Manchester; some gas comes from Altrincham, some from Newcastle; water is administered from Warrington and other government departments have widely differing bundaries within the county. Yesterday the Conservative-controlled county council decided by big majorities to try once more to have the county regarded as an independent region or subregion for plan-ning and administration. and administration.

An attempt to obtain independent subregional status
failed two years ago. If the new
move fails, the county council

intends to tell the Government that it wants to be part of the North-west Region in future.

The move may have considerable significance for the Gov-ernment during forthcoming discussions and parliamentary debates on devolution and on any future moves to create elected regional governments in England. Much of the opposi-tion to the last Scottish devolution Bill came from Northern MPs who fear government resources may be channelled to Scotland. Any similar realign-

Out, etc. ment of county allegiances might affect MPs' voting. Cumbria's resolutions yester-day included a reaffirmation of opposition to elected regional and for the government in the predictable rapid tie g rapid tie g 2 hi trage strice Gues future. The county council also decided not to renew its £27,390 annual subscription to the North of England Develop-

#### 'base' to Manchester ment Council from next March.

The council, jointly financed The council, jointly financed by a £250,000-a-year government contribution and subscriptions from Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Durham and Cleveland, is based in Newcastle, with Lord Glenamara, formerly Mr Edward Short, as chairman.

Lord Glenamara recently appealed to Cumbria to think

appealed to Cumbria to think again about leaving. Cumbris intends to put the money saved towards financing its own in-dustrial promotions department, which it is establishing. It will still belong to the North-west Industrial Development Associa-tion, at £5,100 a year.

The county council also decided against joining a new pressure group called the Northern Councies Association, which is being formed to promore new industry and counter the disadvantages of devolution and which has support from Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and Durbam.

Yesterday's decision fol-lowed the submission to a com-mittee of a paper by Mr Peter Naylor, chairman of the councy council, in which he said the county should go North-west because people in the North-east tended to regard his county as an appendage rather than an integral part of their region. Labour members opposed the moves. Councillor Hugh Little, their leader, said they amounted to Cumbria's "turning its back" on the Northern

The decisions may seriously affect the future of the North of England Development Council. Dissatisfaction has been voiced by Cleveland and Durham, which pay £47,000 and £33,000 a year respectively into the total expenditure budget of about £450000.

about 245000.

In government circles no serious difficulties are foreseen in transferring Cumbria to the North-western Region. But the county's chances of being made an independent region are re-garded as slight because of the costs in setting up regional offices of government depart-

#### The mixture: Six candidates line up at Bournemouth, East one level spoonful of cockroach

By John Roper When a London mother poured the third dose from a bottle of medicine for her sick son a cockroach dropped into son a cockroach dropped into the spoon and she saw other cockroaches in the bottle.

Although he had not dispensed it, she took the bottle to her local chemist, who advised her to take her complaint to Camden Environmental Health Department.

The bottle was passed to a food inspector, but he told her

food inspector, but he told her that as she had obtained the medicine on prescription and no money had been paid he was unable to deal with the com-

pharmaceutical service commit-tee of the Camden and Islington Family Practitioner Committee. That committee's report, publisted yesterday, does not ex-listed yesterday, does not ex-plain how the cockroaches got into the bottle of mixture, which, the report says, "has a somewhat repellent smell". If the mother had left bottles un-crumered the cockroaches suppered the cockrosches would probably have made for a bottle of sweet syrupy Ceporex ordered on the same prescription, the committee

prescription, the committee comments.

The chemists dispensing the medicines were found to have failed to comply with a relevant paragraph of the terms of service. But as there had been no previous failure the committee decided not to withhold payment but to issue a caurion.

A director of the chemists told the committee that all medicine bottles were new, were stored with their caps firmly screwed on and were washed and rinsed before use. The company was proud of its high standard of hygiene and had never had an infestation of insects on its premises.

He agreed that some bottles were placed on the floor, but could not imagine how so many insects entered a bottle.

The bottle, the report notes, was dark brown, perhaps concealing cockroaches within. The committee poured medicine into a spoon and noted that the

a spoon and noted that the insects floated to the back of

## Safe Tory seat for life, barring accidents

Political Reporter

Bournemouth When Mr John Cordle was obliged to resign his seat at Bournemouth, East, over the Poulson affair, he left his suc-

rouson aliant, he get his suc-cessor a safe Tory seat for life, majority over 10,000, so long as he does not overstep un-defined boundaries. Mr David Atkinson, aged 37, whose parhamentary embitions

have been realized earlier than he dared hope (he fought un-successfully the two general elections in 1974) is not likely to do that. Judging by his comments during the present campaign it would be a surprise if he eventually went the way of a previous Tory member, Mr Nigel Nicolson, who was the head associated by the head associated disowned by the local associa-tion for daring to challenge the party leader, Sir Anthony Eden, the late Lord

Anthony Eden, the late Lord Avon, over Suez.

Zigzagging through Conservative policies. Mr Atkinson agrees with the left-wing Tory Reform Group on some issues, and on others supports the right-wing elements. He is a member of neither faction. "I support well-established Conservatives in minimal will be the main task of maintaining the impetus of the Conservative by-election successed during the present support well-established Conservative principles", he

said yesterday.

He is hot on law and order,
a real issue in Bournemouth, a real issue in Bournemouth, where an elderly population, of whom more than a quarter are over 65, are said to be demonstrating growing anxiety. There has been a 30 per cent increase in robberies, and last week punk rockers inflicted damage estimated at £700 on seats at a concert in the

seats in a control town.

Mr Cordie has not been visible during the campaign, although the has offered assistance. After a telephone conversation with him Mr Arkinson explained: "We shall make after the hyelertion shall meet after the by-election so that there can be a smooth transfer."
Left-wing Labour MPs who

Left-wing Labour Mr's who will be scruminizing the register of Mr's' interests when Mr Atkinson returns to Westminster after politing day on November 24, barring what would have to be a remarkable accident, will not find a vulnariable remarkable remarkable remarkable accident. nerable target. He is menaging lapsing.



Mr Matthew (L.): Middle of Mr Goodwin (Lab): Local Mr Atkinson (C): Het on law the road. connexions.

Mr Matthew said the pact with Labour had done little to dent Liberal support. The party suffered in the local elections in May, shortly after the pact was agreed but many were now embusiastic, although some were still doubters. director of a painting and marunaimaining the impetus of the Conservative by election successes during the present Government; the average swing towards them has been 12.1 per cent and in Tory-field seats 9 per cent.

That will be particularly difficult as recent opinion polls have shown an erosion of the Conservatives' lead and the two parties are said to be neck and neck. At the same time the Conservative camp is saying that one of the difficulties will be getting supporters out to vote in strong numbers during a by-election that they expect the party to win anyway. Mr Matthew is a senior lec-

the Dorset Institute of Further Education, whereas the Labour candidate, Mr Joseph Goodwin, aged 29, is a lecturer in liberal College of Technology.
Campaigning on a middle-ofthe-road platform. Mr Matthew detects extremist elements in the Conservative and Labour

parties. His evidence is that the Tory speakers in the by-election include Sir Keith Joseph and Mr Michael Heseltone (he overlooks the votes.
appearance of Mr William The two other candidates
Whitelaw), while Labour's have hardly shown themselves.
principal speakers are Mr Mr William Boaks is fighting Wedgwood Benn and Mrs Judith Harr. The Conservatives say he is talking nonsense. Mr Goodwin agrees that he shares the Trib-

ing a by-election that they expect the party to win anyway. Mr Atkinson has nothing but "contempt" for the Liberals, who came second in the general election, because, he says, they are propping up a Labour Government that is damaging Britain's prospects for recovery. He says the Liberal vote is falling away, although the Liberal candidate Mr Donald Matthew, aged 53, said yesterday that his party's canvass returns showed that it was the Labour vote that was collapsing. une line on most issues, at the same time backing the Govern-mem's present policies. A local man who was on Bournemouth council for three years until 1976, Mr Goodwin is interested in consumer affairs. According to his elec-



and order.

tion pamphlet he is a national executive member of "a major organization campaigning for consumers' rights", which turns out to be the Campaign for Real Ale.

All three candidates differ little over the Government's pay restraint measures, although Mr Atkinson would have liked to

Atkinson would have liked to see the police made a special case. Questions on the firemen's dispute produce elliptical phrases which, when examined mean that the Government must stand firm.

Three other candidates have Three other candidates have entered the lists, including Mr Kenneth McKilliam, of the National Front. On Monday night Mr John Tyndall addressed a Front meeting attended by about a hundred people in Bournemouth. At the general election the Front polled 828

as a Democratic Monarchist,
Public Safety, White Resident
candidate, and M. John Phillip
Pract is standing for the New
Britain Party. General election: Mr I. H. Cordi

General election: Mr J. H. Cordic (C) 20,790 (51.7 per cent): Mr G. H. Musgrave (L) 10,129 (25.2 per cent); Mr D. E. Lock (Lab) 8,422 (21 per cent); Mr M. Hayes (Nat From) 828 (2.1 per cent). C majority, 10,661 (26.5 per cent). Electorate, 57,010 (turn-out, 70.4 per cent).

#### RAF checks low-flying training jets over Wales From Tim Jones

Cardifi

The RAF police are monitoring remote areas of rural Wales to ensure that fighter aircraft crews observe regulations governing low-level training

exercises.

The checks have been initiated after complaints that RAF and Nato aircraft fly too low over small towns and villages as they simulate battle Conditions.

After the recent crash of a United States Air Force F-111
fighter near Foel, Powys, Mr
Emlyn Hooson, QC, Liberal MP
for Montgomeryshire, said
people in Mid Wales had bad enough. He complained to Mr Wellbeloved, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the RAF, that the flight control regulations appeared to be honoured more in the breach than in the observance.

Mr Hooson said that in some areas rural regidents, were sub-

areas rural residents were sub-jected to more noise than people living near Heathrow Fighter aircraft are not sup-posed to fly lower than 250fr, but in valleys that ceiling is difficult to determine. Mr Dafwdd Thomas, Plaid Cymru MP for Merioneth, has been told of aircraft flying at night only 100ft above the nuclear power station ar Trawsfynydd. Mr Thomas also objects to the use of Welsh air space by American and other foreign air-craft capable of carrying nuclear weapons. But he con-cedes that the RAF bases in Wales provide jobs for many people and he would oppose their closure until alternative work could be provided.

Environmentalists say the low-flying boom of a Buccaneer through the mountains of Snowdonia conflict with the designation of the area as a peaceful national park.

Farmers are the flights' most

consistent critics, and the National Farmers' Union and th eFarmers' Union of Wales have great success in claiming damages for aborted livestock and disturbed poultry. The Minister of Defence said yesterday that flights were essential

## into deep freezer to die By Our Education Correspondent

Mrs Joyce Oxenham, became so depressed that she got into her deep freezer to die so that her body would not be found after taking 100 aspirins, it was stated a an inquest at Cam-borne, Cornwal, yesterday.

Mrs Oxenham, aged 60, left a note to her husband saying she had gone to visit a friend. It was not until six or eight hours after she died that the police opened the 6ft by 3ft freezer and found her inside. The contents of the freezer had

Calling it a slightly bizarre case, Mr Geoffrey Robins, the coroner, recorded a verdict that Mrs Oxenham took her own life while her balance of mind was

He said it was evident that she had climbed into the freezer in the garden shed to avoid the possibility of being found before the tablets killed

The husband, Mr Gerald Oxenham, aged 65, a coach painter, of Rosewarne Caravan Park, Camborne, naid his wife had been seriously depressed for two or three years.

#### Appeal to MPs to stop fish shop closures

By Hugh Clayton Fish merchants and trawlermen supported an appeal to MPs yesterday to save fish-and-

MPs yesterday to save fish-andchip and fishmongers' shops,
two of the fastest declining sections of the food trade.

The Confederation of Fried
Fish Caterers' Associations,
which organized a combined industry lobby at the House of
Commons, said the number of
fish-and-chip shops had fallen
from 15,000 to 11,000 in 12
years.

years.
Fish traders feel especially vulnerable because they are in period of haphazard supplies between the ending of fishing regimes used before membership of the EEC and the creation of the technical trades. tion of a coherent policy by the ommunity. Mr Peter Worthington, secre

tary of the National Federation of Fish Friers, said that when frozen food companies had overcome technical obstacles to the use of blue whiting in such foods as fish fingers more traditional species would be released for friers

#### Woman got | Fee increases 'threaten sandwich courses'

The fact that students on sandwich courses must now pay full tuition fees to cover periods spent away from university in industrial training may endanger the future of such courses, Dr Clifford Butler, Vice-Chancellor of Loughborough University of Technology, says.

In a letter to Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science Dr Rutler and of their overseas students out of the students of their overseas students out of their overseas students on sandwich courses at Loughborough University in sandwich courses at Loughborough students.

tion and Science. Dr Butler suggests that there should be a re-turn to the last year's status quo, when students were not charged for periods of industrial training and universities received proportionately larger funds from the University Grants Committee. Loughborough University de-

cided to impose the new fee, as recommended by the grants committee, only with "extreme reluctance", as it could not afford to forgo income at a time sary to charge students.

of economic restraint. Dr Butorrespondent ler says. But it is deeply con-The fact that students on cerned about the effects of the

of their own pockets.

Loughborough has decided to offer assistance on a generous scale " to self-financing students already at the university who Dr Butler wants the Govern

ment to increase the funda available for the grants commit increase its awards to universi-ties and it would not be neces-

#### Stolen cash was found in police car after raid

building society robbery were found under the front seat of a police car, Judge Grant was told at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. The money re-mained there for two days, as, mained there for two days, as, unknowingly, the police had picked up the two young men responsible for the raid after they had crashed their motor cycle, Mr Richard Germain, for the prosecution, said.

The men were taken to Whetstone police station, London, in the police car and released after being charged with motoring offences. A photograph was produced in coart showing where the case, containing £12,193 in cash and cheques, was founder under the driver's

at Whetstone had given the back of the police car a cursory examination after Robert Brown and Gary Gouldthorpe had got

Mr Stephen Zollnor, counsel for the defence, said a success-ful businessmen had lent the defendants money and persucleaner, or Paustow Nous, and Gary Gouldthorpe, aged 17, of Weatherby Road, both Enfield, pleaded guilty to robbing Mr William Blight of £2,314 cash, a briefcase, and cheques totalling nearly £10,000.

Judge Grant ordered Mr Gouldthorpe, to serve a borstal sentence in addition to one he

is serving now. Mr Brown was sent to a detention centre for eat. Mr Germain said the police US to consider reciprocal health plan with Britain

Arrangements under which British visitors to the United States may receive medical treatment and American visitors similar help here are to be considered by the United States Health, Education and Welfare Department.

American visitors to Britain can, under the National Realth Service policy, get emergency treatment here. There is no such cover

# Mr Joseph Califano, secretary Mr Catifano is examining of the department, said in health care systems in different London yesterday that the countries, which he found more point had been raised with him advanced than America's.

Novelist sees a dark future for Britain Britain's future is not going The day used to be divided into to be terrible, just terribly dull.

Getting more money, not more it is all sleep, and the sleep the big preoccupation. Money will soon be sounder. Work, will have to be spent rapidly be made tolerable only be made tolerable be impossible, and

The picture of the future is painted by Anthony Burgess, the novelist, in today's New Society. He and four other writers have taken part in a joint exercise in prophecy.

Mr Burgess's gloom is unfuture, "Tucland", is dominated by unions dedicated to a collectivist philosophy and The pattern is aiready here.

through disputes about pay and

The rule of the proletariat will be an increasing reality. Private enterprise will be increasingly sabotaged, and state ownership become more and more a kind of reluctant necesresented, but capital must come

from somewhere. Mr Burgess believes that already a ruling proetariat ives

mentary system.
"What I cannot yet clearly see is how far the hypocritica farce of a parliamentary demo-cracy can continue into the British future, in the face of a syndicalism that demands spe cial rights and partial justice." Other contributors are Protessor Peter Hall, a geographer and planner at Reading University; Professor S. E. Finer, Gladstone Professor of Governat Oxford; Dr Michael Young founder of the Consumers' Asso ciation; and Mr Tom Nairn, Director of the Scottish International Institute in Edinburgh.



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#### Soho cinemas win right to show X films after judge condemns 'denial of natural justice'

cinemas in Soho, London, per-mission to continue showing X while the court sympathized with the idea that the area and safety committee. "I had been degraded by an in- described the council's powers trasion of the sex industry, there had been a denial of natural justice in the way the cinemas had been granted or

Judge Campbell, QC, chair-man of the Inner London Appeals Committee, was giving 'u reserved judgment on the ropeal of the owners of the Soho and Pigalle cinemas against the refusal of the Greater London Council to re-new their licences. He said the two cinemas could continue in business at least until Septem-

The judge criticized the to the two cinemas were deci-council, which has been con- sions of the committee. In the

Dons lobby

put case for

more pay

Education Correspondent

Lord Boyle of Handsworth, Vice-Chancellor of Leeds Uni-versity, chairman of the Com-mittee of Vice-Chancellors and

Principals and a former Minister of Education, was among nearly seven thousand university professors and lec-

aturers who abandoned classes

yesterday to lobby MPs in sup-port of a demand for "rectifi-cation" of pay.

That would entail salary increases of between 25 and 30

per cent but in setting the level for its recurrent grant the Government has allowed for increases of only 5 per cent. A delegation met Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, last night.

The pay anomaly of which the academics complain dates from 1975 when an independent

from 1975 when an indepen-dent tribunal recommended

increases averaging about 20 per cent, plus an allowance for the rise in the cost of living, backdated to October, 1974, to

give the university teachers

parity with their colleagues in

the public sector colleges of

Hurther education.
Although accepting the sales, the Government would not allow them to be paid until October, 1975. The first phase of the pay policy then intervened with the result that the university teachers received increases of only about 4 percent.

The Association of University

Teachers, which represents 29,000 out of a possible 23,000 teachers, says that an increase of about 16 per cent is required

talk of 'Sigit'

sulting senior officials.

information from Mr Berry and

rollecting information concerning defence communications that might be useful to an

enemy.

Mr Berry is charged with

communicating information to Mr Campbell and communicat-

ing information to him while he held office under her Maiesty Mr Aubrey is charged with aid-

ing and abetring Mr Camobell

to commit offences contrary to

The hearing continues today.

Dealers and people selling

goods in the course of business are to be banned from advertis-

ing in newspapers without dis-closing the fact. The House of Commons yesterday approved an order under the Fair Trad-

ing Act intended to oblige traders from January 1 next

the Official Secrets Act.

Tighter curb on

advertisements

is damaging

MPs to

By Diana Geddes

ducting a "clean up Soho" campaign, for the way licence applications were dealt with. at the most, by two members of the council's public services earlier as draconian, and I see no reason to resile from that description", the judge said. "We were told that the chairman or vice-chairman exercises the power on behalf of the committee. If that is so, is a delegation of power that

by common law and it follows that any decisions made by the chairman or vice-chairman to grant or refuse are made unlawfully and ultra vires and accordingly have no validity."

It was impossible to say that
the refusal to grant licences

is what the law requires " is what the law requires", Continuing, the judge said: "The Conservative Party has expressed the view that there are in Soho too many cinemas showing X certificate films and

The court accepted that declared policy and fully under-stood and had sympathy with the idea that the area had been degraded by an invasion of the sex industry. But the court was not concerned with sex shops; only with cinemas showing X certificate films.
It had been admitted by the

it would be desirable to reduce

GLC that the two cinemas concerned had a comparatively good record and their front-ofhouse displays were less objecto pay the appellants' costs.

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them employed about seventy people. Given the council's de clared policy, it seemed un-likely that any purchaser would have confidence in getting licence and the property would be virtually unsaleable.

Capital investments would be lost and 70 people would lose their employment", the judge said. The appellants had been given no opportunity by the council to refute or explain and, most important, no opportunity to be heard.

"There was, in short, a denial of what we are proud to call natural justice." The decisions were therefore wholly void and could not be justified by a change of policy.

The judge ordered the GLC

# rejected

ployment benefit during short vacations have been rejected by the National Insurance Advisory Committee. About 90,000 students are expected to qualify

A majority of the members of the committee, including the chairman, said in a report pub-

He spoke with the confi-dence gained from the per-sonal and political success of sonal and position success of his cool handling of the recent terrorist dramas: the kidnap-ping of Dr Hanns-Martin Sch-leyer, the industrial leader, and the Lufthansa hijacking. His reception left no doubt that his action as Chanceller that his position as Chancellor and the support of the vast disputed "I was elected Chancellor as a Social Democrat", he said to enthusiastic applause. "You

putting forward amended proposals in due course."

Clearly the Government still
intends to limit the unemployment benefit students can
receive, particularly since
school-leavers can qualify for
benefit by paying contributions
for a few months while working
before going to university.

The Nation Union of Students
said last night that it would

said last night that it would take steps to ensure that the view of the committee that benefit should be paid as a matter of principle was accepted in the long term. and £7,951. Professors are on a minmium scale of £8,106, and

#### Plan to halt dole for students

Government prosals to pre-vent students claiming unemfor the benefit at Christmas, including about 20,000 mature students who have given up jobs to undergo further educa-

with the proposed new regula-tions immediately. "We shall continue our consideration of the circumstances under which students can qualify for unem-ployment benefit with a view to putting forward amended pro-

chairman, said in a report pub-lished yesterday that unemploy-ment benefit should be avail-able to students who had paid contributions and were avail-able for work. They reaffirmed the principle that people who have contributed to the national

insurance scheme are entitled to benefit from it.

Mr Orme, Manister for Social Security, announced in a written reply last night that the Covernment will not go ahead

#### Witness says any | Demand by MPs to avoid 'unacceptable degree of dependence' on nuclear power

move it.
Present salaries for univer-sity lecturers range from £3,333

to £6,655. A senior lecturer or reader receives between £6,443

University teachers at Westminster making a suitably

cover the rise in the cost of diate steps to be taken to re

academic point yesterday about their grievance.

ving backdated to October 1. The association says the em-

ployers, the universities, the University Grants Committee, the Department of Education and Science and the Govern-

education teacher, plus another ment, all agree that an anomaly a minmium scale of £8,106, and 10 per cent to exists. The union wants immetheir average salary is £9,489.

Colonel B, an expert witness, said at the secrets case hearing at Tottenham Magistrates An all-party group of MPs yesterday opened an early-day motion calling for measures to Court, London, yesterday that he thought it was against the prevent Britain from becoming committed to an "unaccept-able" degree of dependence on national interest to have dis-cussed Sigit (signals intellicussed Sigit (signals intelligence) the way it had been during the hearing.

"Any reference to Sigit in the media is damaging", he added, "and the things I have said I think are also damaging." He said he had spoken on the subject only after constants. uuclear power.

The first 14 signatures to the motion came after a lobby of Parliament by more than two bundred leading scientists, members of conservation and environmental groups, and others who have objected to the large-scale expansion of atomic

Colonel B, who formerly had energy.

They gathered under the label overall responsibility for army signals intelligence, said he thought any Sigit man who had Energy 2000 for a meeting at the Commons, at which Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, gave an account of discussed the operation with a person other than within the Sigit community bad breached government policy.
Mr Benn welcomed security. Even passing an opinion on the operation was

Arr Benn welcomed the debate over nuclear issues but indicated reservations about proposed solutions. Those doubts clearly applied to the terms of the Commons motion reflecting anxiety "that over 90 per cent of United Kingdom a hreach.

The public was not aware of United Kingdom Sigit activities until the present case, he said. Before the court were Duncan Campbell, aged 24, a freelance the court was a freelance. iournalist, of Franklin Road, Prighton: John Aubrey, aged expenditure on energy research and development is still allo-3f a reporter on Time Out magazine, of De Beauvoir Road, cated to nuclear power".

The motion notes that distin-

Mackney, London: and John Ashley Berry, aged 33, former army corporal, now a social worker, of Alexandra Park Road, Wood Green, London. guished scientists have expressed anxiety about the dangers that may be associated with a plutonium economy, and demands large investment in the Mr Campbell is charged with obtaining from Mr Berry information that might be useful to an enemy; receiving such

ance of alternative sources of energy from solar power, the wind, waves and tides, Mr Benn saw them as long-term schemes in need of economic and environmental assessments, and certainly not as contributors of

energy on a significant scale within 10 to 15 years. A different emphasis emerged from the programme for guiding nuclear policy presented to the meeting by the Town and Country Planning Association It requested no further expansion of nuclear power until several uncertainties had been removed and health and safety hazards fully appraised and safely elimin-

the argument that no solution to the difficulties of long-term disposal of high-level radiotion, with serious scientific disagreement over whether low-level doses of radiation are more harmis to workers and the public than present safety standards assume, or even whether there is any urgent need for the additional electricity that an expension of nuclear power would provide, the objectors argue that the

development of alternative energy sources and conservation technology.

While accepting the importance of alternative sources of awareness that the nuclear awareness that the nutrear energy industry has lost one of its most important arguments: that no one has died directly because of the commercial uses

of nuclear power.

That changed when awards were made in the High Court in Carlisle on Tuesday to the widows of two plutonium workers who were said to have died as a result of working at the Windscale plant of British

Nuclear Fuels.

The awards, reached by agreement included one of £22,441 for Mrs Gladys Troughton, on behalf of her husband, who died in 1975 from a type of career that can be linked. of cancer that can be linked with having been exposed to radiation. While accepting radiation. While accepting liability for Mr Traughton's illness, the company also agreed to pay £8,000 to Mrs Joen King, on behalf of her husband, who died of a brain tumour in 1973, but denied liability in that case. As part of the settlement, which has been fought through the union negotiators for more than three years, British Nuclear Fuels is establishing a scheme for "automatic com-pensation" for the benefit of workers in the industry who suffer injury or death because of overexposure to radiation.

#### Immigrants 'need | Transport users' tuition in English for jobs' By Our Transport

By Peter Evans
Up to 200,000 immigrants in
Britain are thought to need
training in the English language to help them at work or to get jobs, according to an estimate a forthcoming report by the National Centre for Industrial Language Training.

The figure was given yester-day by Mr Thomas Jupp, its director, at a conference organized by the British Association f: Commercial and Industrial Education in conjunction with the Commission for Racial

Equality.
The report says traditionally most instruction and informa-tion about ways of doing jobs are given informally by one worker to another, but the breaking down of that system is one of the ways in which workplaces have been radically changed by multiracial work

year to make clear in their advertisements that they are not private individuals. Supervisory systems that depend on common background and values are under great strain, it says. Traditional assumptions about workplace customs and practices are no The order goes to the Lords for approval today.

Mr David Lane, chairman of the Comission for Racial Equality, and it would encourlonger shared, which creates difficulties in industrial relaage employers to keep records of the ethnic origins of em-

## body to get stronger role

The Central Transport Consultative Committee, the main consumer body in the field is to be strengthened to monitor the fares and quality of bus and rail services under new powers to be announced by the Government. At present its role is limited to rail, and even there it is not allowed to question

fare levels.

Mr Frank Higgins, the committee's new chairman, said at a press conference in London yesterday that the new powers would enable it to look at transport as a whole throughout Britain and to move into contentious areas such as road-rail integration and the replacement of rural railways with buses. In the last-named case it

would want to be satisfied that any bus service replacing a rail service would be of a higher standard and a longer-term commitment than previously. It would also want to be sure that the Government was fully aware of people's views about the possible loss of local trains, and that all costs and benefits were being taken into account. | policy.

#### Thirteen arrested in £250,000 robbery inquiry Thirteen people were arrested

in Geneva. London and Newcastle yesterday in a combined operation by officers from Scotland Yard's Flying Squad and two regional crime squads investigating a series of robberies, involving at least £250,000, and two killings dating back to 1961. After yesterday's raids a man

and a woman were charged with offences involving defrauding an insurance company and an other 10 men were being ques-tioned at Finchley police

#### Mortgage rate move on way

By Our Planning Reporter The Government plans shortly to enable local authorities to adjust mortgage interest rates. In practice that is likely to mean that council rates will be closely tied to those charged by building societies. Such a move was fore-

shadowed in the recent consult-ative document on bousing

WEST EUROPE

#### French hand over Herr Croissant to West Germany after Paris court approves extradition

The French Government moved swiftly this evening to agree to the extradition of Herr French : Government Klass Croissant, the Baader-Meintrof defence tawyer.

Just five and a half hours after the Paris Court of Appeal found there were "partial

grounds in one of the two West German warrants against him, he was driven from La Santé prison in Paris towards the A West German aircraft was

sent to an airstrip at Conions miers to collect him. His defence havyers mounted vigorous last-ditch effort to a vigorous last-ditch effort to prevent the move. They petitioned the Supreme Court of Appeal and made moves to start proceedings within the Couseil d'Etat, which can overrule Government decisions. But the lateness of the hour made it impossible for them to do onything. The decision was sent through to the prison just after a pm, and he was on his way 45 mannes later.

The Court of Appeal decided that there was a case for Herr Croissant to answer under the warrant issued on July 15 at

warrant issued on July 15 at Stuttgart. Pert of this alleged

Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, riding high on a wave of national popularity, emerged further strengthened today by the warm and enthusiastic support of the Social Democratic Party congress. He dominated the packed and

dominated the packed and attentive gathering as he

and national problems.

government policy

that he had made use of his position as a lawyer to help to set up and run a communica-tions system to keep prisoners in touch with other members of the gang both inside and out-

Under West German law this offence would carry the maximus penalty of five year's jail. This was the only part of the warrant agreed by the court, which then referred it to the French Government for a final

second warrant, issued on September 30, at Karlsruhe, which claimed that Herr Croissant was conspiring with a gang of criminals who were plotting and carrying our crimes including robbery and murder. According to the French court, the evidence for this was circum-Herr Croissant will therefore. have to stand trial in West Germany for only the one offence. Under the extradition

treaty between the two countries any further offences can only be heard against him if first agreed by the Franch The quick implementation of the court's decision is certain to

Herr Schmidt dominates his party's

He was sure he said, that the country would be able to defeat

the terrorists, but he added:
"We must not allow ourselves
to be provoked into false moves.

We must not let ourselves be carried away by hysteria for law

and order, nor resign ourselves to putting up with terrorism.

Twice he gave warnings of the dangers of political parties breaking up into splinter groups. The warnings came after talk of the Bavarian Christian Social Union sever-ing its links with its sister

party, the Christian Democrats, and of the possibility of Herr-Jochen Steffen, a former Social Democratic executive

member, forming a separate party to the left of the Social

The history of the Weimar Republic in this respect served as a lesson. "Splintering en-dangers the stability of the whole of our political system", he said.

Schmidt assured the party that full employment remained the

supreme aim of the Govern-ment, but the drop is foreign demand could be offset only

congress as undisputed leader

been regarded in both circles as lawyer to defend his client. While judgment was being given in the well-guarded courtroom, a group of about 100 French lawyers, many robed, otested in the corridors of the Palais de Justice and began shouting and whistling after

they learnt the court had decided it would be possible to extradite Herr Croissant. Herr Croissant left the court to applause from some lawyers and members of the public crammed into the back of the COULTCOOK Bonn request: West Germany

today requested Holland to extradite Christoph Wackernagel and Gerd Schneider, sought in connexion with terrorist attacks in West Germany, a Dutch Justice Ministry spokesman said. Both men were wounded in a shoot-out with police in Amsterdam last Friday and are being held in The Hague's prison hospital. — Agence

partly by economic measures

investment

ment was held up by red tape and court suits, representing 1

per cent economic growth for the coming year and jobs for 200,000 unemployed.

The legal and bureaucratic

delays are intolerable", he

over the coming decades.

Herr Schmidt urged the congress to approve a compromise agreement to put the priority on coal-fuelled energy to meet the country's increased needs

The compromise does not

rule out a limited use of con-troversial nuclear energy. It was drawn up to reconcile the rank and file, generally in favour of a temporary halt to

#### resold by Russia at a premium wing protest since the case has

The Italian Government re fuses to cooperate with the European Commission in an investigation of how Community butter sold cheap to Russia in 1973 and 1974 is now being resold at premium prices in Italy. Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the Commissioner for Agriculture, told the European Parliament here today that butter sold cheap to the Soviet Union had been reexported to Italy with out paying a levy under the common agricultural policy arrangements. "We have been hampered by lack of cooperation on the part of the Italian authorities", he said. "We may have to take sharp

**EEC** butter

action to get to the bottom of the affair to strengthen our defences against frauds in agri-

cultural products."

The question had been raised by Lord Bruce of Donington, a British member of the Socialist He said that illegal transactions were a direct re-sult of the EEC system of buy-ing at intervention prices instead of for consumption.

Mr Gundelach said that he would lay the results of the Commission's inquiry before the European Parliament's budget-

ary control committee. I am not in favour of a system where we are producing agricultural products not for a market but for permanent price intervention.

Lord George-Brown, the for-mer Foreign Secretary, tonight completed his first visit to the European Parliament, which : home. Amid resounding applause, he demanded that Land gov-ernments, local authorities and must be reckoned his opening broadside in a campaign to stand as a candidate for the European Movement in direct private firms should carry out approved by the Government. A total of DM25m (£6,250,000) of private and public invest-

He admitted some disappoint ment with the Parliament when he compared it with Westmin-ster. He added that it needed politicians of the first team rather than of the second. He was also distressed to find in his meetings with parliamen-tary leaders and Commissioners that Westminster's reputation had been damaged by the Labour Government's failure to keep the direct election deadline of May June, 1978.

As a former Foreign Secre

tary, he remarked that, according to practice, there was nothing to stop a government from signing a convention or treaty in advance of parliamentary approval. The Concorde treaty was an example in which he had been involved in 1964. favour of a temporary nair to the said.

On the economic front, Herr is colliged to carry out the policy is chmidt assured the party that all employment remained the supreme aim of the Government, but the drop in foreign debate the outlear energy is constructed. Parliamentary approval was government's excuse for post-ponement, and the governments and parliaments of the other eight member countries knew

Parliamentary report, page 7

#### Newspaper executive shot in face

must rely on my solidarity and you can. It must rely on your solidarity and I do."

West Germany, he said, was

going through a testing period. Terrorism, the country's increasing importance in the world and the economic cross

Turin, Nov 16.-The assistant editor of the Turin newspaper La Stampa was shot in the face today and was reported to be in a critical condition. Withkn minutes of the attack the Red

minutes of the attack the Red Brigades terrorist group claimed that it had "executed the sar-vant of the state, Carlo Casalegno."

Signor Casalegno, who is 61, was struck by four bullers, but none did fatal damage. His condition was complicated, how-ever, by heart trouble he had been suffering for some time. been suffering for some time.



Signor Casalegno had written a column in today's issue of the newspaper headed "Scan-dalous morality and bombs". It datous moranty and bomos. It was a defence of the ruling Christian Democratic Party against the wave of violence and against blanket condemnations. Witnesses told the police that

making their getaways.-AP. factory for viewers.

The first full working day of the Venice Biennale's sym-posium on anti-Soviet dissent brought also the first full-scale

clash on the nature of com-

Mr Monty Johnstone, of the

British Communist Party, was due to speak in a personal capacity on the problems of Stalinism and the twentieth party congress in 1956. "The difficult death of Stalin" was the prescribed text for the day

the prescribed text for the day. But Mr Johnstone made changes

in his prepared report in order to answer the opening speech delivered last night by Pro-fessor Leszek Kolakowski, the Polish philosopher now at Oxford University.

Professor Kolekowski had

argued that communism, even before the Russian revolution,

From Peter Nichols

Venice, Nov 16

munism itself.

## Brussels plans European lending right

A European public lending right for authors is proposed by the European Commission as one of a package of measures designed to increase the financial reward for writers, painters and sculptors. The Commission has asked the Nine to hold a council of cultural ministers to

discuss the proposal.

A public lending right, whereby authors are paid a royalty for those of their books lent by public libraries, exists

M Robert Gregoire, head of cultural questions in the Com-mission's Department for Edumission's Department for Education and Science, told The Times here today that the payment of royalties to individual authors every time one of their works was borrowed probably posed insuperable administrative difficulties.

Instead the Commission's

Instead, the Commission's idea is that libraries should be asked to pay a "lump sum royalty" to writers' guilds or societies for distribution to their at present only in Denmark, members. The Commission also West Germany and Holland, in recommends that writers and varying forms. Attempts to in-

troduce it in Britain have so their tax declarations over sev-

have been reduced, the Com-mission says, by the growing use of photocopiers, tape and video-recorders. One solution might be to pass on a percentage of the sales price of such apparatus to artists.

Droits de suite, or resale

rights, which at present exist legally only in Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg and Holland, should be generalized throughout the Community. Artists (or their heirs) would receive a percentage every time one of their works was sold.

#### MPs agree on failure of **Giscard TV reforms**

From Charles Hargrove The break-up of ORTF, the radio and TV organization, into radio and IV of santauon, into five autonomous branches by President Giscard d'Estaing, three years ago has failed to achieve its purpose, the National

Assembly was told today.

Assembly was told today.

M joel le Tac, a Gaullist deputy who specializes in radio and television, told the Assembly this morning that the great hopes of 1974 had been largely disappointed. The sim of the reform was

to promote comperition among the three television channels without weakening the sacro-sanct principle of Government monopoly on which all political parties agree.

Now, however, the left is still condemning the ""total dependance of television channels on the Head of State", while the right argues that they saw three people running that competition between that competition between charmels has prived both runnous financially and unsatis

was destined to lead to a totali-

tarian desponsm. Mr Johnstone

The attraction of the Biennale's name has already

had its stimulating effect. At the weekend immediately be-fore the official opening, left-wing groups held a conference

on the political stricted of the left in general towards the Soviet Union.

conference was a rejection of the Soviet model. Several speakers even queried the Soviet Union's claim to be a

socialist country.

The official communist parties

The official communist parties represented at the Biennale, including the British and Italian parties, feared that the Biennale itself might be turned into an anti-Sovier operation. Hence the attention pand to Mr Johnstone

The agreed opinion at that

Biennale clash over communism

rejected the idea.

Competition, M le Tac said, had led to dependence on cheap programmes like news, variety shows and competitions, aimed at capturing the higgest audience, at the expense of fiction and original creations. "It has led to the impoverishment of programmes, and the increasingly frequent recourse to repeats to stop the aid American films cannot and American films cannot fill". French television showed 469 films in 1976.
The reform, M le Tac insisted, had not ended the quasi-monopolistic hold of some pro-

ducers and stars on pro-grammes, which was one of its objectives. Nor had it led to a reduction in overstaffing. Although less creative than in the past, French radio and tele-vision now employed 400 more vision now employed 400 more people than before.

M le Ter called for the present system of distribution of the radio and television tax,

at present based on viewing statistics, to be scrapped in favour of a more elastic sys-

munism with inevitable totali-

tarianism. Stalin, be said, had built on

the restrictions which in the civil war and the desperate situation of Russia immediately

after the Revolution were neces

sary for survival.

. He added that the excep-

tional measures should have

been abandoned when the emer-

gency ended, but under Stalin they had been extended. Mr Johnstone saw two later trends in the international com-

munist movement: the com-

which took part in the inter-vention in Czechoslovakia in

1968, denounced a provalistic model as a bourgeois diversion

Other communist parties, in-cluding those of Britain, Italy,

France, Spain, Japan and Swe

#### King of Spain champions EEC application

Brussels, Nov 16.—King Juan Carlos of Spain said today his country could bring centuries of experience and a new drive to the European Community.

In an apparent appeal for support for Spain's application to enter the EEC, King Juan Carlos also called for solidarity within a democratic Europe. "Only in this spirit of fra-ternity will we be able to achieve the ideal of well-being and justice to which our peoples legitimately aspire", he told the Belgiam Parliament. The king is on a three-day state visit to Belgium.—UPI.

#### Teacher sets himself on fire

Hamburg, Nov 16 A 47year-old teacher, apparently protesting against the planned rise of fituclear energy, doused himself with petrol and struck a match in front of a church in the centre of Hamburg today. He was in hospital tonight with critical burns.

Few people were in the street at the time Police said

street at the time. Police said the same man chained himself in Cologne Cathedral some time ago in a similar protest—

Five die in Paris fire Paris, Nov 16.—Five people were killed and three others were injured today when they tried to flee from a burning. Left Bank apartment house, police said. One of the injured had leapt from a fourth-floor.

Next stop, prison Aalborg Denmark, Nov 16.—
A 55-year-old lift operator here was sent to prison for 10 days for driving his lift under the influence of drink. Police said be stopped the lift halfway and invited passengers to step out into mid-air as the first speaker to argue den, had developed a trend against the equation of come towards pluralism.

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Kaunda campaign to increase food production From a Correspondent Lusaka, Nov 16

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From Our Correspondent Salisbury, Nov 16

Mr Varcoe said he had com-pleted his main task of explaining the Anglo-American

settlement proposals to in-terested groups and individuals

in Rhodesia.

I have been struck by the widespread desire of people, both black and white, to end

the war and to find a fair and just solution to the country's

problems", he said.

He had, at the same time, encountered wide mistrust of Britain. He hoped he had been

able to a small degree to dis-pel some of it.

Mr Fraser Wilson, another British official, will remain in the British residency in Salis-

sion in Lusaka

Senator Chief Chirau, president of the Zimbabwe United Mr. Jeremy Varcoe, the Brish diplomat who has been based in Rhodesia since the beginning of September has been withdrawn by the British Government and is to return to his post as First Secretary in the British High Commission in Lusaka. People's Organization, has called for a referendum of Rhodesia's six million blacks to choose a leader who would then conclude

conclude independence arrangements with the British and Rhodesian governments. He told a multiracial public meeting in Selisbury that the referendum should be controlled strictly and kept free of intimidation. It should be by secret ballot.

He criticized Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, for saying only two weeks ago that there should be a limited franchise, with high qualifications.

Society was.

Any fair-minded person who looked around Salisbury, he said, could see how unjust, unfair and unequal Rhodesian Reporter expelled: Mr Max Hastings, a London Evening Standard reporter, has been expelled from Rhodesia. Mr Simon Jenkins, editor of the the newspaper, said last night

#### Peace plan is 'very much alive', Mr Young says

OVERSEAS\_\_\_\_\_

British diplomat says

Stockholm. Nov 16.—Mr it was going to be easy and Andrew Young, United States that Field Marshal Carver and representative at the United General Chand would just go Nations, said here roday that Nations, said bere roday that the Anglo-American settlement plan for Rhodesia was "very much alive" despite setbacks. The proposals have met with little support from either Mr Smith's Government or the

Patriotic Front.
Mr Young said he had never expected the plan for a peace-ful transfer of power to the black majority by the end of

next year to be easy to imple-\* Nobody ever suspected that Reuter.

It quickly becomes apparent

while flying over the Zambian

bush that something is missing.

The veid, a vast unbroken sea

of brown grass, stretches to the

borizon. What is missing is the

patchwork of cultivated farm land which forms part of the landscape of neighbouring African countries.

But if President Kaunda of Zambia has his way all this will change. Faced with the pros-pect of an economic collapse of

his country, he has launched a

back to the land " campaign:

Farming in Zambia is largely

in the hands of experiates. Its 300 white farmers produce about 60 per cent of agricultural products. The country is self-sufficient only in eggs, poultry and maize. Only 10 per cent of the land suftable for farming in certably cultivated.

forming is actually cultivated. President Kaunda has ordered "drastic reduction" of staff

in government departments and a programme to redirect them to the land coupled with the resettlement of the urban

Television commercials and

regime.

on ITV.

leading articles in newspapers "back to the land" campaign. extol the virtues of working They point out that President the soil and the "dignity of Kaunda has been calling for

**Tonight on ITV, Jonathan** 

four years after Allende's

overthrow. Filmed secretly

THIS WEEK reveals, for the

and smuggled back to Britain,

first time, the truth about life

and death under the Pinochet

THIS WEEK tonight at 9.30pm

keys of government from Ian Smith", he said.

Lord Carver, Britain's resident Commissioner-designate for Rhodesia and General Prem Chand, the United Nations special representative, returned earlier this month from inconclusive talks.

Mr Young arrived in Sweden today for talks with Govern-ment officials on southern Africa and development aid.—

reason to develop alternative sources of revenue.

tion is running at more than 20 per cent and there are short-ages of everything from cooking oil to meat, beer, building mate-

rials and even the staple maize meal. This bas resulted in grow-

ing political unrest.

The closure of the border with Rhodesia has further exacerbated the situation. Des-

the chances of success of the "back to the land" campaign.

Dimbleby reports from Chile

the nation".

growing your own food " in- similar action since 1972 but stead of "being a burden on without noticeable success.

political stability will depend to a large extent on the success of the programme.

The party newspaper, The Times of Zambia, recently said that the Government has

ne nation". The campaign has already Zambia's economic future and become bogged down in red

#### Mr Sadat tries to reassure completed in Rhodesia Syrians

From Edward Mortimer Damascus, Nov 16

President Sadat arrived here today to begin the difficult task of explaining to President Assad of Syria the reasons for his proposed visit to Israel, the first by an Arab leader.

Egyptian officials have been relieved that Suria has so for refrained from any public adverse comment on the pro-posal, but observers here are in no doubt that the Syrian leaders are deeply perplexed

Their discomfort is reflected in the fact that the Syrian news media have yet to give even the simplest factual report on the subject, although it is now a week since Mr Sadat first offered to visit Israel during a specch i nthe Egyptian Parlia-

ment came in a leading article last Saturday which questioned whether it was wise to regard the Geneva peace conference as the couly hope for the Middle East, and particularly whether "journeys either here or there" could play a useful role. Mr Assad was said to have been "grim-faced" as he wel-romed the Egyptian President at the airport, although the two leaders embraced in the two leaders embraced in the naditional Arab manner. However, their talks at the Syrian President's private residence were said to have been been theld in a cordial atmosphere and an official dinner was cancelled to the celled so that they could carry on their discussions.

Mr Sadat is clearly anxious to get the widest possible Arab backing before going to Jerusalem, or at least to avoid any public disavowal from the other Arab confrontation

There were reports tonight that he had suggested asking King Husain of Jordan and Mr



President Sadat welcomed by President Assad in Damascus yesterday.

Yassor Arafat, chairman of the Baghdad: Iraq today led a would be a catastrop chorus of protest against Arabs and would w President Sadat's proposed disunite their ranks.

risit to Jerusalem. visit to jerusalem.

Not a single Arab leader has come out in public support for Mr Sadar's initiative. There has even been criticism from such an unexpected quarter as Mr Camille Chamoun ,the rightwing Lebanese leader.
The leadership of Irag's ruling Baath Party issued a statement calling on Arabs to

"denounce Sadat's intention Associations said the visit and work through all means to would rally the Israelis, "a Palestine Liberation Organiza-tion, to join in the talks to-prevent its implementation." The statement said the visit would be a catastrophe for the Arabs and would weaken and

> In Beirut Al Fatah, the big-gest Palestinian guerrilla group, described the plan as a flagrant defiance of the Arab will. Students at some schools in the predominantly Muslim western part of the Lebanese capital went on strike in protest over tine proposed visit.
> In Amman, the Council of Muslim Organizations and

people who only understand the language of force" behind Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Min-

Libya whose attitude on Middle East peace moves is described the Egyptian plan as a "regrettable and dramatic collapse of the stand of Arab confrontation with the Zionist

In Kuwait, where the press often reflects mainstream Palestinian views, two newspapers carried harsh criticism of the

# Firing squad death for airport assassin

Abu Dhabi, Nov 16.-A 19year-old Palestinian was executed by firing squad at dawn today for killing the Deputy Foreign Minister of the United Arab Emirates in an The mode of execution was airport shooting last month Salah Muhammad Khalid,

born in exile in Iraq, was sen-tenced to death by a Sharia (Muslim religious) court. The minister, Mr Saif bin Ghobash, was cut down in a hail of bullets fired from an Abu Dhabi airport balcony as he was seeing off Mr Abdul Halim Khaddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister on October 25. The

bullets were believed to have to force his release from jail. been meant for the Syrian minister.

chosen because it corresponded to the methods the killer him-self used, the officials added. The Sharia court traditionally sentences convicted murderers to be beheaded. Mr Khalid took nine airport

workers hostage and demanded an aircraft to escape in, but he was arrested.

Palestinian sources said here that Mr Khalid's secret trial and execution might have been

a Palestinian splinter-group led by Mr Mahmud al-Bana, the former representative in Iraq of the guerrilla organisation Al

Fatah.—Reuter.

Ann Fyfe writes from Abu
Dhabi: Iraqi travel documents
were found on Mr Khalid.
Security problems resulting
from the mass immigration of
foreigners to the emirates in recent years were among the subjects raised in speeches yesterday by the head of state and the Speaker of the National

#### ILO cuts expenditure after US withdrawal

Geneva, Nov 16 The fifty-six-member governing body of the International obviously regarded the emer-Labour Organization (ILO) gency as one which the ILO today approved cuts in pro-

by \$36.6m, with the remaining \$9.8m of the missing American contribution (\$42.3m) made up by voluntary contributions and possible recourse to the have paid to the ILO. reserve fund.

A detailed plan specifying the 230 posts to be abolished will be submitted to the meetthe end of February. It is the extra more hoped other United Nations be used for this work.

agencies can take some of the individuals affected.

The meeting in general can save without severe strucgrammes and personnel made necessary by the withdrawal out by Mr Cyril Plant, a preaction out by Mr Cyril Plant, a preaction this month of the United States.

The \$169m (£94m) expending its decision to withdraw the United States Government had simultanced for the two Government had simultanced its voluntary contribution to the United Nations development programme by \$15m, two thirds of the money it would otherwise

As this programme finances some of the ILO technical assistance work, Mr Plant hoped the organization would ensure that a sizable propor-tion of the extra money would

night ride

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Siebert described Mr Biko as

an urban terrorist. Mr Ken-tridge interjected by saving that Mr Biko was being both tried and convicted post-humously in an attempt to dis-credit him.

The magistrate, Mr M. J.

frins, intervened to say he was

trying to tind out whether any-one was responsible for Mr Biko's death. "Would it have been relevant if Mr Biko had

committed certain crimes? "he asked the police counsel. Mr van Rooyen replied: "Not at

Two doctors and a specialist had examined Mr Biko in Port

#### Somalis jeer | Mr Biko's as Russians return home to death

Mogadishu, Nov 16.-Soviet advisers left Somatia amid a wave of anti-Russian feeling today just 24 hours before the arrival of a congressional mission from the United States.

About 100 Russian military and civilian staff took off on an Aeroflot flight for Moscow. A Soviet consular official said the remainder, whose exact number is not known, would leave the country by the end of the week

The exodus follows Sunday's decision by Somalia to abrogate a three-year friendship treaty with the Soviet Union. The Government also broke off diplomatic relations with Cuba and all Cubans living in the country left yesterday.

Shouts of "down with the Russians" greeted any white-skinned people driving round Mogadishu today.-Reuter.

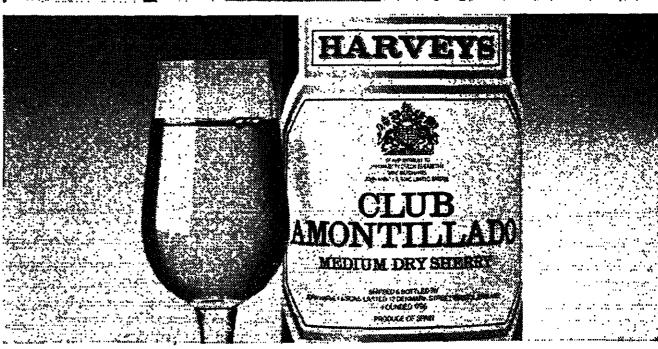
Elizabeth bur found nothing wrong with him, Colonel Goosens said. A lumbar puncture was also performed on him. Mr Kentridge asked Colonel Goosens why in his affidavits he had put forward a theory that Mr Biko was injured in the prison hospital in Port Elizabeth where he was taken on September 8 but had not suggested that he might have been hurt in the struggle the

It begins to become doubtful in view of the evidence whether that scuffle ever rook place", Mr Kentridge said. Earlier, he had suggested that Mr Biko had been "smashed Mr Biko had been "smashe up" while in police custody.

#### Brezhnev medal

Moscow, Nov 16 .- President Brezhnev was today awarded a Karl Marx Gold Medal by the Soviet Academy of Sciences. It is the academy's highest award.

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# A closer look at two classic styles of sherry.

The qualities that distinguish a great wine from an ordinary wine are colour, bouquet and taste.

The qualities that distinguish a classic fino are a very pale golden colour, a fresh delicate bouquet, and a very crisp dry taste. Luncheon Dry is just such a fino, and is always best served chilled.

The qualities of a classic amontillado are a richer light amber colour, a distinctive aroma, and a medium dry taste which has taken on a particular nuttiness from

Such are the distinguishing characteristics of

Club Amontillado.

LUNCHEON DRY & CLUB AMONTILLADO from Harveys of Bristol

## Zambians urged to go back to land British scientist

Dr John Vane, group research

depended almost exclusively on copper. So long as millions of pounds worth of foreign currency were pouring in each year the Government saw no develop alternative eason to develop alternative ources of revenue.

But the price of copper unskilled people to the land. In the price of copper unskilled people to the land. Mr A. B. Chikwanda, the more than the land there are shorttop per cent and there are shorttiges of everything from cooking as committee to problems of moving large numbers of unskilled people to the land. Mr A. B. Chikwanda, the limit this was not something you just do. You have to hav a committee to study it first."

But perhaps the biggest obstacle lies in the nature of

exacerbated the situation. Despite demands by Zambian MPs for the border to be reopened. President Kaunda has decided to keep it closed, saying that Zambia must be prepared to pay the price "to free our neighbours from their oppressences" Bureau. Mr Chikwanda agreed: "The work is too hard and the pay is not enough. But we are going to remedy that. We will increase mechanization and thus make the work easier and the yield higher."

But, it remains uncertain whether urban Zambians, who whether urban Zambians, who treasure their white collars

## In brief

#### wins award From Our Own Correspondent

New York, Nov 16 and development director at the Wellcome Research Labora-tories in Beckenham, Kent, is a joint winner of this year's Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award.

of the programme.

Since independence in 1964, the Zambian economy has depended almost exclusively on the control of the contr that he will share the \$15,000 (£8,330) award with two Swedish scientists. They have all been given the award for their work on prostaglandins, which help prevent blood clots. Fischer ruling

the Zambian people. "They fust do not like farming", explained Mr Benjamin Oglesby, the head of the Commercial Farmers Bureau.

will suddenly want to get dir under their finger nails.

It was appounced here today

Pasadena, Nov 16.-M. G. Franciscus has and that he is prepared to dismiss criminal charges against Mr Bobby Fischer, the former world chass champion, who had been accused of assaulting Mrs Holly Ruiz, a woman magazine writer. Mrs Ruiz has withdrawn her complaint after receiving an undisclosed sum in an out of-court settlement of her civil claim for damages.

# £850,000 sale Mr Fred Mulley, the Defence Secretary, has overcome Foreign Office objections to the export of second-hand armoured vehicles to the Cen-tral American republic of El Savador. The sale, worth £850,000, will now go ahead immediately

Rabbi arrested Los Angeles, Nov 16.—Nine-teen Jewish Defence League supporters; including Rabbi Meir Kahane, the league leader, were arrested during a noisy demonstration at a Soviet ex-hibition. They were protesting about the treatment of Jews in Russia.

Minister murdered Teheran, Nov 16.—Mr Ali Ahmed Khorram, Afghanistan's Minister of Planning, was shot dead as he was leaving his office in Kabul, according to an Iranian television report. The Iranian television report. The killer, who was not identified, was arrested.

Dissident trial Moscow, Nov 16.—The mother of Mr Anatoly Shcharansky, the Jewish activist held since March 15, was told today to engage a lawyer for her son, ac ording to dissidents who said this indicated a trial—on a charge of treason—was near.

#### Villages shelled

Beirut, Nov 16.—Three villagers were killed in a fresh outbreak of artillery duels between Israeli-backed rightwing Christian forces and Palestinian guerrillas in south Agreement on bases

Manila, Nov 16.—The Philippines and the United States have agreed that military bases

## in the country used by American forces would in future be commanded by Philippine offi-

Dinosaur found

Police fire on mob Bombay, Nov 16.—Forty-seven persons were injured today when police opened fire in an effort to disperse dock-side demonstrators.

Moscow, Nov 16.—The remains of a dinosaur, thought to be nearly 120 million years old, have been found in the

Gobi desert, south of Mongolia

#### Minister's penthouse could be an issue in Australian election

The personal property dealings of Mr Phillip Lynch, the federal Treasurer appear likely to become an issue in the election on December 10. Allega-tions were made in the Vic-toria Parliament yesterday that he bought a penthouse in the expensive Queensland resort of surfers Paradise from the proceeds of land deals.

A Victoria Government inquiry into alleged land deals hetween the Government's Housing Commission and land developers has been proceeding in Melbourne for several weeks, with senior state minisers denying any implication despite strong allegations that members of the Liberal Party und land developers have been involved in murual benefits.

But yesterday's accusation in e Victoria legislative Assembly that Mr Lynch was also involved was the first time a

federal politician has been named outright.

Mr David White, a Labour member, said Mr Lynch had hought his Surfers Paradise penthouse with the proceeds from land deals on the Morangton Peninsula outside Melourne, where Mr Lynch lives. The \$A110,000 (£68,000) paid for the pentiouse was the pro-fits from land which Mr Lynch had received as "either a gift or a bribe ", the MP claimed. A spokesman for Mr Lynch immediately branded Mr White's remarks as a "scurrilous and cowardly attempt to smear the federal Treasurer

parliamentary privi-Another Victoria Labour member, Mr Bill Landeryou, told Parliament that a com-

old art student with a broken leg crawled for 13 days un-

noticed along a creek bed in a Sydney suburb, only a few yards

from a busy main road.

The parents of Mr Stephen

Sheeby said here today that his knowledge of the outdoors prob-

ably saved his life. He lived on weeds and drank creek

When he was found he broke down crying: "Don't leave me, don't leave me."

Mr Sheehy was in hospital to-day, recovering from an ordeal which began on October 30 when he fell off his bicycle.

tumbled over a safety barrier and dropped 25ft into the creek. He broke his leg in the fall and, unable to stand,

pany called Nanding Invest-ments in 1973, held options on land at Stumpy Gully on the Peninsula. Mornington 1976 the options inexplicably passed to Grosvenor Nominees, a trust company owned by the Lynch family ". He described the principals

bouse in the of Nandina Investments, Mr and resort of Peter Leake and Mr Colin Cooke, as weird if not evil men. The price of the covernment transfer from Nandina to Grosvenor in March, 1976, was SA27,230, which was the same price as in 1973, when Nandina took the options. In October, 1976. Grosvenor Nominees sold the land, consisting of 20 allot-ments, for \$A136,125, which was a return to the Lynch family of \$A110,000 or a 500 per

cent profit. To cries of "blackmail" and bribery Mr White said the people of Australia were entitled to know what Mr Leake and Mr Cooke received from the Treasurer in return for \$110,000.

Under medical advice. Mr Lynch who is recovering from a kidney ailment, is declining to see visitors. His private socretary, Mr Audrew Hay, complained of a series of inaccurate and false reports in the media and of scurrilous comments made yesterday in the Victoria Parliament

These reports had caused great distress to Mrs Lynch and her three children and Mr Lyach, confined to hospital after an operation, had been unable to deal with them. No evidence has been pro-

duced so far to support the claims of Mr White and Mr Landeryou and they have been

Injured man crawls for 13 days in creek

stayed where he was, Mr Sheehy started to drag himself

along the creek bed He was able to travel only

about 60 yards a day before pain and exhaustion caused him

to pass our. He are weeds and drank from pools in the creek.

He told his parents: "The sound of the birds kept me

going I listened to their calls."

After 13 days crawling Mr

Sheeby hauled himself into the garden of a house near the

creek, where he was found

pushing a garden hose into his

#### Mr Carter guards Shah from

more riots From David Cross Washington, Nov 16

Intensified security arrangements round the White House today thwarted more violence when the Shah of Iran continued his talks with President

As the Shah arrived today large numbers of police kept supporters and opponents of the Iranian leader well apart One reason for yesterday's riots, in which more than 100 police and demonstrators were injured, was the proximity of the two factions. The 2,000 to 3,000 people

outside the White House today limited their protests to chants and the waving of banners. Both groups were so far from the Shah's route to the front gate that they were unable to see him arrive.

see him arrive.

Mr Carter yesterday apologized to the Shah for the "temporary zir poBution" caused by tear gas grenades, and last night he lightheartedly congratulated his guest for knowing "how to draw a crowd".

After discussing purely mul-tilateral affairs like the Middle East, energy supplies and southern Africa yesterday, the two leaders today turned to bilateral issues. Among these were expected to be an Iranian request for large numbers of new aircraft and weapons. new aircraft and weapons.

During the Sbah's visit, Mr
Carter has gone out of his way
to heap praise on his guest. At
state dinner last night he
said he looked on Iran as "a
very stabilizing force in the
world at large".

A White House spokesman
has said that the question of
bruman rights abuses in Iran
was not raised

leave me, don't leave me '."

Mr Gilberr's wife made some sandwiches. "He lirerally

pushed them down his throat

she said. "His head collapsed on the table and he said: 'Thank you. God it was dark in

The creek, called Stringy Bark Creek, runs through the prosperous suburb of Lane

judge reported his son missing on the night of the accident. "The family had almost

Mr Sheehy's father, a retired

His cries were drowned by the absolutely filthy. I did not

roar of traffic and he was know what he was. I thought shielded from the view of hundreds of houses by thick bushes surrounding the creek.

Realizing he might die if he started caying and said: "Don't bevoe die beginne die

### Mr Robert Strauss active in wide range of policies

#### White House adviser dismisses criticism of the President

President Carter is "a gutsy guy . . . very tenticious. I want you to remember that word".

The speaker was Mr Robert Strauss, a member of Mr Carter's Cabinet, who is rapidly emerging as a most influential White House adviser.

Mr Strauss, the President's Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, has become increasingly active in a wide variety of domestic policies since the resignation of Mr Bert Lance, the Budget Office Director. A Texan, and former chair-

man of the Democratic Party national committee, he is now not only conducting international trade effeirs, but is also prominent on energy matters, the promotion of the matters, the promotion of the new Panama Canal treaties, the improvement of Administration-Congressional relations and the strengthening of ties between the White House and the busi-

the White House and the business community.

In a lively and wide-ranging interview Mr Strauss said that the President had proposed many things that he knew would not be popular, but that had to be done.

"It is pretty courageous what the President is pretty courageous what the President is proposed."

the President is trying to do on energy", Mr Strauss said, adding that he believed Congress would eventually approve a "good energy bill".

He admitted that it would

Nuclear accord

opens way to

uranium sales

Ottawa, Nov 16.—Canada and the United States yesterday signed an agreement which cleared the way for resumed shipments of Canadian uranium

to Japan and Europe.
Mr Don Jamieson, the Mini-

ster of External Affairs, an-nounced the agreement allow-ing the use of Canadian uran-ium in United States civilian

reactors. He said that it would give Canada control over uran-

ium sold to the United States, which was resold to third

Countries.

Mr Alastair Gillespie, the Minister of Energy, said that Canada should be able to com-

plete nuclear agreements with Japan and the EEC by the end

of this year. Canada suspended

shipments earlier this year in

a dispute over nuclear safe-

daros. Tapan has objected to separ-

and conversion to other sources

From Michael Binyon
Washington, Nov 16
Señor Santiago Carrilla, secretary-general of the Spanish
Communist Party, was
denounced as a "scab" by the
the leader of striking maintenance workers at Yale University
vesterday when he crossed a

yesterday when he crossed a picket line to give a lecture.

Mr Vincent Sirabelle, leader of 1,400 employees who have now been on strike for more than six weeks, said Señor Carrillo "spits in the face of

workers".
"I am astonished that he came", he said. "As a communist, he ought to have some sympathy for the worldwide struggle of workers."

Senor Carrillo said through an

Interpreter he agreed with the strike, but "a leader from the left, who for the first time has

an opportunity to speak, should not be denied. He complained that the American labour move

Mr Strauss: Oil men do not

take several years before the

energy programme had a sig-nificant effect on reducing oil

imports, but within two to three years it should already have served to stimulate coal output

'scab' by US striker

oil industry that greater pro-duction and development incen-There isn't a poor oil man in the United States . . I come from Texas and know oil people and they don't need more

money."
Mr Strauss was equally optimistic that Congress would approve the new Panama Canal treaties. Support for the treaties was gradually increasing in the public opinion polls, and relations between Mr Carter and Congress were improving.

He was also confident that advances in trade liberalization

were near, although he admitted that protectionist pressures were now greater than ever. Historically, he said, it had al-ways been at just such times that advances towards greater trade liberalization had been achieved. Recently Mr Strauss has be-

come convinced that there is a "warm rapport, a real sense of trust" between the United States and the EEC. That would make it possible to reconcile differences and lead to the conclusion of a fair international trade agreement by

next autumn.
In general, Mr Strauss was confident that the decline in the President's popularity would go no further, although he admitted that "the jury is still out" on whether Ameri-cans believed Mr Carter was a

Spanish unions, did not express opposition to the Vietnam war,

he said. Señor Carrillo is in the United

States on a 10-day tour to lec-ture ar Yale, Harvard and Johns Hopkins universities. It is the first visit by a West European, communist leader-since the end of the Second World Wer.

World War.
The strike at Yale is over

the negotiation of a three-year contract for cooks and main

contract for cooks and maintenance workers. Earlier this month Senator George McGovern, Mr Ray Marshall, Secretary of Labour, and Mrs Golda Meir, former Prime Minister of Israel, cancelled plans to speak at Yale because of picket lines.

Señor Felipe Gonzales, leader of the Spanish Socialist Party, is also in America at the invita

is also in America at the invitation of the United Automobile

## Delhi queries British ships-as-aid deal

From Richard Wigg Delhi, Nov 16

The Indian Government is discussing whether to acquire four British-built cargo vessels and so meet pressure from

and so meet pressure from London to use up British development aid funds.

Mr Cheand Ram, the Minister of Shipping, has just returned from talks in London with Mrs Judith Harr, the Minister of Overseas Development. He also visited Ralend and The Nethern visited Poland and The Netherlands. Mr Ram assured me that the Government is making. every effort to utilize the full British aid grant allocated for the year ending March, 1978,

amounting to about f144m.

However, for a variety of reasons, the main one being the price of British goods. india is showing reluctance to utilize this year's aid and is increasingly asking who bene-fits from it.

For several days now the Indian press has been saying that in the case of the shipthat are the case of the sub-ping deal the aid will really be going to subsidize a sick British industry.

Mr Ram denied that India's

Mr Ram denied that halls a decision to acquire six cargo vessels, cheaper in price, from Poland would preempt the decision about taking British ships. "That is an absolutely

separate thing altogether from our decision about British vessels", he emphasized. But acquiring the Polish vessels, which the Indians say has been under discussion for some time, would "cost" India only a bookkeeping exercise. since the amount would merely be set off against Poland's trading deficit with Delhi. The six Polish vessels together are reported to be priced at about

Mr Ram said that in "very frank and cordial" talks Mrs Hart had emphasized her longstanding sympathy for India's development. But she had also conveyed to him that unless more of this year's aid were disbursed site could not ask the British Government for further aid next year.

Originally the British price quoted was \$13m (about £10m), compared with \$13m for Japanese vossels. But now Britain had come down to \$15m using the shipping intervention

Mrs Hart was emphasizing that the ships would be acquired as an outright grant under British aid. Mr Ram said. Mr Ram also spoke of other fields, such as power equipment and heavy machinery, in which India might use the aid.

#### Journalists go back to work in New Zealand

Wellington, Nov 16.—Striking journalists who forced seven of New Zealand's 35 daily newspapers to suspend publication have agreed to go back to work.

on strike or suspended. The strike began with an indefinite stoppage by 18 journalists of the New Zealand Press Association, the country's

#### Communist leader held in **Philippines**

Manila, Nov 16.—The chairman of the underground man of the underground.
Communist Party of the Philippines, Mr Jose Maria Sison, has been captured by military agents, church sources said.
They added that he had been arrested with four others, including a woman, on November 8 in San Fernando, north of Manila, and taken to a meeting with President Marcos.

Presidential and rresidential and military spokesmen would not confirm or deny the report.
The church

The church sources said that Mr Sison had rejected President Marcos's offer to join the Government. He was then taken away by the military and tortured, according to the sources.—Agence France-Presse and UPI.

Señor Carrillo denounced as Agreement was reached between the Newspaper Publishers' Association and the New Zealand journalists' union this afternoon. About 1,000 journa-lists and printers were either

> national news agency, who walked out on Monday in sup-port of a claim for increased ellowances. Both sides have agreed to go

to arbitration.—Reuter

#### Four die in coal mine fire

died in a South Korean coal mine fire and six remained trapped underground tonight. Abour 450 were saved.

Rescue workers were confident that the remaining six would also be saved. Three members of a rescue party and Workers. He spent yesterday members of a rescue party and talking to the management of one miner died of suffocation, the car corporations in Detroit the police said.

greep of 44 miners trapped in an emergency shaft was made 17 hours after the fire had broken out. There were about 1,300

miners at work in the mine when a main power transformer underground burnt apparently as a result of a short circuit. —AP and Reuter.

## "The family had almost given up hope of seeing him alive again", he said.—Reuter, Agence France-Presse UPI. ate United States and Canadian prantium enriched in the United States and sold to Japan. Douglas Gilbert who him said: "He was Property

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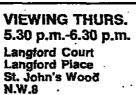
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House of Commons in order to meet the cost of raff pavel there either had to be increases to fares to time with increases of inflation or otherwise subsidies to a much greater extent out of taxes, Mr William Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport. gaid. The second course was not generally acceptable to the House.

Mr Timothy Sainsbury (Hove, C) had select-When he met the Chairman of British Rail today did he ask him why commuters from Hove and Brighton should be gracted to accept the recent fur-ther large increase in their fares before they, the taxpayers or this House, have had any independent assessment of the efficiency of operation of British Rail and before they have been told how profitable the line on which they gravel actually is?

Mr Rodgers (Teesside, Stockton, Lab).—The simple answer is "no". I would say to travellers by rail everywhere that in order to meet the cost of the railways either we have to increase forces in line with increases of inflotion or otherwise we have to subsidize to a much stream. much greater extent out of taxes.
The second of these possibilities, which involves increased public expenditure, is not generally acceptable to the House.

I am sure the chairman is con-emed to increase the efficiency of the railways and make sure they do give value for money. Mr Peter Rost (South-East Derby

shire. C)—Why does he not take the Chairman of British Rail out on some train sporting, stand at any main line and watch the Inter-city trains hurtling by half occu-pled? How can these extraordinary fur

ther price increases help to get customers back on the railways when they already outprice themselves on the market? Is not the consumer already paying enough for under occupation and inefficience. Mr Rodgers-His experience is

Most of the Inter-City trains I travel on are very full indeed.
British Rafi has been able to show they have carried. The logic of this question is that British Rail should reduce the number of services they provide. I do not fisial that would be accep-table to the public.

Mr Andrew Bowden (Brighton, Kempton, C)—Is it fair that commuters from Brighton and Hove who have had many massive fare increases in recent years should how have another increase well in excess of the Government's pay norm, and are facing the simution where they are subsidizing a large number of passengers in the Great-te London area? Is that not a

Mr Rodgers-No. I think he should have a sense of perspective allowing that fares have to increase
from time to time. British Rail
have been very good in holding
them down for a full year. I think there is a good deal of amount of cross-subsidization.

Rail freight

No decision had yet been made on the transfer of Freightliners from the National Freight Corporation the British Railways, said Mr Wil-liam Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, answering questions about plans for the financial re-organization of the National Freight Composition

The Post Office, the biggest employer in the country, should be split into two separate corporations, Lord Orr-Ewing (C) said, opening a debate on the report of the Post Office Review Committee under the chairmanship of Mr C. F. Carter, the annual report of the Post Office Users' National Council and the Post Office's performance as a public service.

should be endorsed to encourage more decentralization.

The postal service was highly labour intensive. The expanding, highly technological telecommunications corporation was capital intensive and a different animal altogener. One could check and monitor efficiency only by measuring performance against performance.

mance, it was in 1972 that the number of belephone calls in a single year overtook the number of letters handled in a single year. Thereafter the gap had widened. The habit of writing letters was rapidly dying, particularly among the younger generation. So long as it was on their parents' bill they did not the call or the time of day it was made.

that when all due allowance had been made the standard of mail service was not as good as it used to be 12 and 12

to be. It did not help the public image of the Post Office when the

He said the Post Office employed
420,000 people, of whom 175,000
worked on the postal side and
245,000 were in telecommunications. A recommendation to split
this huge organization had come
from the Carter committee and
should be endorsed to encourage

Reactions to plan to let councils control off-street car parking

In the years shead, an increasing number of local authorities would want powers which enabled them to decide whether they wished to control off-street parking, Mr Wil-tiam Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, said during ques-

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet East, C) had asked Mr Rodgers what representations he had received, following the publication of the proposals set out in the Transport Policy White Paper, concerning plans to license and tax private car parking spaces in offices and fac-

Mr Rodgers said there had been about 170 replies to the consti-tation paper on additional powers for local authorities to control off-Mr Aitken-Toese misended pro-

posals have been savagely criticized from many quarters because they are rightly seen as nothing less than an attack on motorists. How can it possibly be justified to burden indiviously and companies burden individuals and companies with a penal new tax and an expensive new bureaucracy needed to operate it?

Mr Rodgers—I am not clear whether he has read the White Paper and understood the proposals made in it. Not whether he has read the consultation decreases.

sals made in it. Nor whether he has read the consultative document.

All I am proposing is that local authorities might like to have powers which would enable them to decide whether they wish in one way or another to control off-street parking.

Mr Kevin McNamara (Kingston-upon-Hull, Central, Lab)—There are people, particularly those representing urban areas, who are in favour of these powers being given to local authorities.

We want them to be given in the

We want them to be given in the shire councies to the district councils and not left in the hands of the shire counties who use their posi-tion to strangle urban life in the cities, as they have in Humberside, by refusing to develop lorry parks. Mr Rodgers—In many towns and citles, there is a widespread view that parking should be subject to control, given only the local auth-ority makes the decision and is subject to the normal democratic process.
Each sown and city is different
and it would be foolish to lay down
the law. I wish to give them certain

government reorganization, for which we were not responsible, many of the powers relating to traffic and transport are with the

Mr Geoffrey Finsberg (Camden. Hampstead, C)—In many of these cases, office car parking was a cases, ounce car parsing was a condition of planning consent being given by the planning authority in the first place. This is now trying to change the rules after the game has been started.

Mr Rodgers—I take the point as I was a member of a planning com-

was a member of a planning com-mittee in a metropolitan borough some years ago and was insi-tent new offices should have ca-parking accommodation. It should be free for local authorities, given the proper consultation process and all the safeguards the House would expect, to be open to have these powers at some stage. Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham West, Lab)—In central London has be seen the new plans of the Great-er London Council to remove a lot of bus lanes and reinstitute parkof bus lanes and reinstitute parking meters in a way that will inevitably make the terrible traffic congestion even worse?

Mr Rodders—I am bothered by the proposals. I have only read them in the newspapers. They are the responsibility of the GLC which changes hands from time to time, and changed in the wrong direction lest May.

lest May. Mr Norman Fowler, chief Opposi-Mr Norman Fowler, chief Opposi-tion spokesman on transport (Sut-tion Coldifield, C)—He should con-firm that in the consultation paper he has issued, although not pub-licly, it is implicit in his plans that a new enforcement body of inspec-tors will check on mornists park-tions in pulsate care parks in the rors wan eneck on motorists parking in private car parks in the
areas designated. The whole
scheme is a hopeless over-reaction
to the problem, so will be undertake to drop these abourd plans in

het?
Mr Rodgers—I am sorry to disappoint him. These are proposals worthy of consideration and have received some friendly, and some less friendly, receptions. He will find as the years go by that an increasing number of local authorities will want to have these powers whichever way they may choose to exercise them.

#### Keeping on costly local rail services

of legislation on the White Paper proposals on local railway services, Mr William Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, said. A deci-sion had to be taken on lines which were expensive to maintain against a background of providing for local need and resentment of feets rising faster than the rate of infla-

Mr Roman Areas (separations the minister had so far met in the course of his consultations on the minister had so far met in the course of his consultations on the White Paper proposals on local railway services and when he expected to complete consul-

Mr Rodgers (Teesside, Stockton Lab)—I have not yet met any organizations nor set a timetable for discussions. Mr Lewis—Is he aware that these

Mr Lewis—Is he aware that these proposals have mer with general hostility not only from the Labour Party and the TUC but also from the Toxy-controlled county councils who do not want to be saddled with the blame for unpopular decisions affecting local railway services?

Will be look at these proposals again and encourage in this review again and encourage in this review the use of all forms of pansport? Mr Rodgers—Yes. It is fair to say these proposals have not had an enthusiastic reception. They were one of the green parts of the White

I hope very much that they will encourage a thoughtful and constructive discussion of the problems. I still hope this will take place, but there is no prospect of legislation on this in the immediate future.

land, Lab).—The local option pro-posal is seen by many as passing the buck from local authorities to the central body. It is the thin end of the wedge of the decentraliza-tion of the railway system. Mr Rodgers—He draws attention to some of the supposed disadvantages. I do not claim there are no arguments both ways. We have to try and find a solution to the problem of those lines which cost a lot to maintain, and that has to be decided against the background of those lines western level need and those lines meeting local need and the view strongly expressed in the House today that fares should not rise disproportionately to the rate of inflation.

#### Minister claims considerable success in **EEC negotiations on drivers' hours**

In the view of most people the Government had achieved considerable success in Lourembourg in principle agreement to a three-time discussions concerning imple mentation of EEC regulations on drivers' hours Mr William Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, said. They had got agreement in principle to a three-time they must be commission about phasing of agreement in principle to a three-time they must be commission about phasing of the commission about phasing of the implementation. I would not wish to say anything that would something they had been uncertain they would achieve.

Mr Roger Moste, for the Oppositions of the Caversham, C)—Why did his

Does he propose to do anything to recognize those difficulties? Will-he confirm it will be the Government and not bureaucrata in Brussels who will be responsible for the timetable of phasing in the new drivers' hours regulations? Mr Rodgers (Teesside, Stockton, Lab)—I appreciate what he says about the 450 knomere limit and the difficulties of the industry. We are happy to discuss it with them.

The jumble of letters in post codes made the postmen's task more difficult. Why were the codes

Lady Burton of Coventry (Lab)

same the two-tier letter system was introduced and it still seemed to her that the Post Office's policy.

whenever receipts fell, was to raise prices rather than make improve-

Lord Torphichen, in a maiden speech, said he did not think the unions need fear for their security if the Post Office monopoly in telecommunications was slightly cut. Computers did not reduce relegione usage but increased if.

cut. Computers and not reduce telephone usage but increased it. Lord Wall said be strongly favoured an early split within the Post Office. No management principles could overcome the difficulties of size and diversity.

The post could never be run only compagnishy telecommunication.

only commercially; telecommuni-cations must be run consucrcially if it was to give the service needed.

History was the only common link, Lord O'Neill of the Maine said be

hoped that if and when the govern-

ment of the day decided to split the Post Office into two authorities this country would have a tele-phone service which if not quite as

good would at least be so

so complicated?

Tory peer wants Post Office divided into two

It is inconceivable that the industry can reorganize in the six or seven weeks before January 1. Can enforcement be deferred? Mr Rodgers—I am sorry the answer disguised anything. It was not my intention. I wished to summarize as briefly as I could the outcome of the discussions in Luxembourg which were largely regarded as successful.

When he considers the matter

that an obvious worsening of the quality of service had no effect on the quality of service recorded.

It was surprising that the Government should be proposing to make it easier for Post Office and to make it easier for Post Office employees to go on strike. This year the Post Office had been subject to sporadic but highly disruptive industrial action or the unitary of the proposition of t

Lord Ferrier (C) said they should try to help those who wanted tele-phones but could not face high installation charges and rentals and used the telephone only lightly. Telephone vandalism parti-cularly hurt the needy.

Lord Camoys said main areas where tregent action was needed were productivity, customer rela-tions, accountability and the pen-sion fund.

ston fund.

Lord Tresgame, for the Opposition, said if there were two corporations they should both be directly responsible to a minister.

Some people had to post important letters on a Sunday. He suspected that the reasons the Post Office advanced for not reintroducing the service were not the real ones. He was told the difficulty was that the unions would be reluctant to reman to Sunday collections, no matter how high the overtime payments.

overtime payments.

Lord Winterbottom, Lord in Waiting, said the most important point raised was the question of the right to strike. Legislation was required, but its exact form had yet to be decided and would be the subject of consultation with the Liberal Party, the unions, the Post Office and the Post Office Users' National Council, it was when this legisla-

Council. It was when this legisla-tion was laid before the House that the full force of the House's view could be brought to bear upon it.

Lord Orr-Ewing said many of them felt that selective strike action against a country, a body or an

I do not dispute that there will be problems for parts of the in-dustry from January 1.

It was never likely (be added later) that we would achieve 100 per cent success in our discussions. Until the meeting in Laxembourg it looked possible that we would have to be implementing from Japuary 1 with no staging whatever. So there is a net gain. something they had been uncertain they would achieve.

Mr Peter Fry (Wellingborough, C)—The result of the recent agreement is that very short notice has been given regarding the impossion of the 450 kilometre rule. This will cause considerable problems for the road haulage industry and need for rescheduling of journeys.

These has recent agreements of the three year and with the subject to the three-year transitional arrangements? That offer undermines the other transitional arrangements of drivers' having small conferences, particularly outcome.

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It was never that yet your constitution of per cent success in our discussions. larly in the west of Scotland, many of whom feel they may be put out of business by the implementation of these rules.

Mr Rodgers-It was the about the remoter areas which was much in my mind and that of the House in seeking to get a transit-ional period. I am surprised the phasing we have secured has not met a more general welcome in the

Perhaps Lord Winnerbottom could also think of a cooling off period as happened in every other country. No other country allowed its unions in such a sensitive area to style.

Lord Winterbottom said these points of view would be borne in mind as a strong expression of Opposition opinion.

In spite of criticisms there had been substantial improvements in performance in many areas of the Post Office. This would not have

Post Office. This would not have been possible without the tremendous efforts of the Post Office in cooperation with staff and unions to make savings wherever possible. These savings amounted to £57m last year. This was a substantial help to the Government's policy of controlling Government expenditure.

House attentioned £18 nm.

House adjourned, 6.18 pm.

Lord Noel-Baker, formerly Mr Philip Noel-Baker, Labour MP for Derby, South, and a Nobel Peace Prize winner, was introduced.

Parliamentary notices

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Today at 3: Countar Inflation Price
Code Order. Business Advertisements
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EEG. Debate on dir traffic controllers'
strike.

House of Commons

to strike.

New peer

or the provisions for wates, there seemed a disposition among some MPs to say the people of Wates did not want the proposals in the Bill. His own feeling was that they would approve them. The proper way for the matter to be settled was by referendum.

Mr Augus Maude, for the Opposi-tion (Stratford-on-Avon, C) said the Wales Bill was a Bill that had been less demanded, was more irrelevant and less necessary, it possible, than the Scotland Bill. Mr Foot had said he made no

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C) said that the in-stinct of the House was against the

### Mr Foot persuades MPs to put guillotine on Scotland Bill: majority of 26 votes

was being gagged over the devolu-tion issue was absurd, Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Councli and Leader of the House (Ebbw Vale, Lab) said when he intro-duced the simetable motion for the

committee, report, and third read-Mr Foot said it would be wrong to suggest that the Covernment had

suggest ungar the Government had been unganeous in the amount of time allotted—30 days in all for the Scotland Bill and the Wales Bill, not counting time for considering any suggestions the House might receive from the Lords. The amount of time allowed had for amount of time allowed had few precedents. Constitutional Bills over a long

period in the House had been sub-

jected to timetable motions, in-cluding the most important one of all icaroduced in modern times, the all introduced in modern times, the European Communities Bill.

It was quite wrong for anybody to give the impression that it was unusual or impreper in any sense for timerable motions to be applied to constitutional measures.

There were in fact outle a number of constitutional Bills to which timetable motions had been applied. In one sense it was con-

gin between the sides.

so between the case that he had spoken on a large number of time-table motions and it was a fact that he had voted against a number of timetable motions. It was also a fact that he had voted for quite a number. That seemed to have escaped some of the MPs who had not applied their minds to the figures exactly. if (he said) we take the numbers of guillotine motions that MPs have voted for, Mr Pym (Cambridgeshire, C) is a bigger offender than I am. He has vote for more

that for every four I have voted for he has voted for five. The same spoiles to Mrs Thatcher, who sometimes becomes very pas-sionate on these issues.

He made no accusation of fill-bustering when he introduced the timetable motion on the previous occasion and he made no such accusation on this occasion, parti-cularly because they had not reached the committee stage. He did not believe that the only reason for the introduction of a occasion and he made no such accusation on this occasion, particularly because they had not reached the committee stage.

He did not believe that the only reason for the introduction of a timetable motion was a question of whether there had been filibustering or not. This might be the issue in the case of some Bills but it was by no means the only issue.

The Bouse should take into account the time allowed for discussion in the last session. (Conservative cries of "No".)

There was nothing new that whatever the votes might have been the House in its heart did not believe in the scale of the standably had been pressuring their backbenchers to support it even if they did not believe in it. There was nothing new in speaking in one sense and voting in another, but the scale of it on this occasion was new.

The Government dare not wait for the arguments to be unleashed

The House should take into account the time allowed for discussion in the last session. (Conservative cries of "No".)

The Government were not departing from precedent. If the House said that no timetable motions were to be introduced on the two Bills it would be tantamount to saying that in this session

being placed on the statute book.

Mr Timothy Raison (Aylesbury, C)
said Mr Foot was arguing about
what happened to the Bill in the
last session, but what happened
was that the House did not wish
the Bill to be guillonned. That
seemed a bizarre argument,
Mr Foot said it was not an absurd
proposition that the Commons
should be seemed as the commons
the statute book.

Unable to face the music or cacophony of criticism (he said) but almost endless consultations did not pretend that as a result partners. As for the Liberals, they on the form of the Bills across the Parliament was now faced with an almost perfect measure, but it was infinitely more regulable than it was in the last session.

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proposition that the Commons should be given a second chance to say what it thought. All the cir-cumstances surrounding the Bill must be taken into account. The most important aspect of the two Bills was that they were designed in what they considered operate in a conference. to be the circumstances of the United Kingdom at present to pre-serve the unity of the United King-Mr Robert Mellish (Southwark,

dom.

He knew there were MPs who took a different view but the Government held the riew just as strongly and sincerely that the way to proceed for the country and the way to preserve the unity of the United Kingdom was by these measures.

measures.

Mr Francis Pym, Opposition snokesman on devolution and House of Commons affairs (Cambridgeshire, C) said today they were seeing for the first time what amounted to a new instrument for the suppression of parliamentary debate. He could find no trace of a previous occasion when spylied. In one sense it was constitutional Bills for which guillo-stitutional Bills for which guillo-thres were most required, particu-trace of a previous occasion when lerly where there was a close mara major reform was guillorined immediately after second reading and before committee staye. They were departing in a substantial way

from any precedent.
In bringing this motion forward on such a disputed constitutional matter (he said) I accuse the Government of abusing their special position and their special responsibility in relation to Patilament, of falling to consider the effect of their action upon Parkament and in narticular the effect

The Covernment are seeking to The Government are seeking to elevate the power of a House of Commons majority into an unauthorized licence, to overvide everybody else, to disrezard minorities and those who disarree with them, whatever their political views, and in particular to set aside the undoubted rights of the House

The Government dare not want for the arguments to be unleashed again. They were too overwhelmingly against the Bill to be capable of satisfactory answer. The consequences of unleasting the arguments again would be no guillotine and no Bill.

case has iesufficient merit. They hope they have one dugout left in which to take refuge, to curtail debate before it has even becum.

This was a lowering of the high parliamentary standards for largely political reasons. The Opposi-tion had not been uncooperative and their offer remained to co-

Bermondsey, Lab) said that with-out the guillotine there was no hope for the two Bills. It was impossible for governments to covern nithout the guilloide and to get their major legislation through. Bir Enoch Powell (South Down, were mainly responsible for destroying the No 2 Bill to reform the House of Lords in the session 1958-69. They did it because they were both convinced that it was inherently absurd and unworkable.

Nobody would dream of bringing that Bill bock although it passed its second reading by a majority which was bigger than the majority on the two develution Bills on Monday and Tuesday. That Bill was introduced by the Government of the day and supported by the Conservative Front Bench of the

Many Labour MPs hate these Many Labour Mrs muse no sec-ret of their hatred, but they do not know how they are to see out of the tray into which they have become involved by the persistence

of the Government and the under-takings they have given.
All the time the way lay through the procedures of the House. If there had been a guillotine of the No 2 Bill that so-called reform, that disastrous noncerse, would have found its way to the statute

(he mid) to allow the House to use its procedures in committee, at arr its procedures in committee, at are whether indeed we can resolve the contradictions by which all MPs know this Bill and those who are opposed to it can avoid saiding those whom we represent with the consequences for which otherwise they would curse us.

Mr George Cunningham (Islington, South and Finsbury, Lab) said those who thought by supporting the Bills they were buying off independence should pause when they found the enemy supporting what

and Peebles, L) said if there were people who believed the Bill was so bad it could not work, the right thing for them to do was to vote against it.

in the last session.

There were still anomalies but they could be overcome with common sense. But they would not be overcome by prolonged debute and all night sittings. We should the said) either get on with it or abandon it.

Mr George Reid (East Springshire and Clackmannon, Scot Natl said if there was no guillotine there would be no Bill. The Scotland Bill might not be a particularly 200d was and it was a small start to solving the Scottish problem.

Mr Dennis Canavan (West Stirling-shire, Lab) said those MPs who thought they could kill develution by voting against the Bill tonight wire sally mistalien. They might kill this Bill but they would not kill devolution as an issue. It would come back again and again until the House had the common sense and the guts to respond to the legitimate aspirations of the Scot-

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton (Edinburgh, West, C) said if the Bill fell there should be a constitutional conference to consider all the options. A sub-tantial objec-tion to the Bill was that MPs in practice had virtually no freedom of choice. It was this Bill or

nothing. Mr Eric Moonman (Basildon, Lab) said the way in which the Bill and the guillorine had emerged did not suggest that Mr Foot, as Lord President, was protecting the in-terests of the many MPs who had

grave anxieties. Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C) said the unique feature of this Bill was that it combined a great many blg constitutional principles with a great deal of important detail, and it was this that made the timetable

coposed inadequate.

Mr George Younger, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland (Ayr. C) said the Government were bringing forward this Zuillodne motion without a shred of any normal justification for it. Unless the Government were exceptional in the ways governments had behaved in the past, there would be no concessions in committee on the Bill.

They were being asked to take a historic decision and they should not pass the huck to the electorate through a referendum.

Mr David Steel. Leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L) said if there were them through.

The motion was carried by 313 votes 10 287—Government

## Timetable on Wales Bill carried by 27

and then to move on to the committee stage of the Weles Bill.

The provision of 11 days for the Wales Bill as resonable having ragard to its content and bearing in mind the obligation of the Bills they were now to confirm the stage of the Bills they were now to confirm the stage of Commons siting as a committee of the whole tems.

The House of Commons sitting as a committee of the whole House, sometimes took a long time to consider provisions in constitu-

referendent as an important part of the provisions for Wales. There

Mr Foot had said he made no accusations of filthusering or waste of time. It must be clear to the House that it was not the Conservative Opposition of whom he was afraid. It was the Labour MPs behind him whom Mr. Foot was seeking to curtail.

It was Mr Leo Abse (Pontypool, Lab), Mr Neit Kinnock (Bedwellty, Lab), Mr Donald Anderson (Swansea, East, Lab) and Mr Alfred Evans (Caerphilly, Lab) whom this timetable mortion was designed to

Mr Cledwyn Hughes (Anglesey, Lab) said the Labour Party in Wales was in favour of the Bill.

dled with something which would be unworkable, causing confusion, sorrow and ultimately disaster.

position against the rest of the United Kingdom with the possible exception of Northern Ireland. Mr Colin Phipps (Dudley, West, Lab) said that he was not opposed to the principle of the guillotipe, More than 13 Labour MPs who voted with the Government on the proceedings of the proceeding the proceeding the wast the proceeding the proceding the proceeding the proceeding the proceding the proceding

Mr John Smith, Minister of State, Privy Council Office, moving the the measure as they had ever been. Said he believed the guillotine any such suggestion. Indeed in my opinion the way to cheat the should be used sparingly but on this issue it tad become necessary. The provisions in the Wales Bill then to move on to the Communication and Wales Bill last met the needs of the people of the communication of the Communication and Wales Bill last met the needs of the people of the communication of the Communication and Wales Bill last met the needs of the people of the communication of the Communication of the Communication and Wales Bill last met the needs of the people of the communication of the Wales.

> We would like to go further (he said). But the BH even as it is is worth having. It is introducing a level of democracy that does not exist at present in Wales.

The Conservatives were trying to stop any progress in any direction and that should be seen by everyone in Wales. It was not totally unreasonable that the Wales Bull should have only 11 days compared to the 17 for the Scotland Bill because it

would not introduce a legislative Executive and administrative

decisions would be taken in Wales. To that extent, the differences between the powers of English and Welsh MPs would not be so great to take a decision on devolution would be seen in Wales as nothing more than a cytical exercise.

We believe (he said) in policies that can help in the government of Wales. We can go no farther and to quicker than the support of the people of Wales will allow us. I believe the referendum will not leave deep scars on the community in Wales although there will certainly be fierce arguments. Sir Raymond Gower (Barry, C) said a constitutional change such as devolution ought to merit not merely the fullest examination of each clause but also a generous examination of any amendments. Mr Enlyn Hosson (Montgomeryshire, L) said he was in favour of the dimetable motion. They would be doing untold damage in Wales if the Bill were to be defeated by means of a procedural device.

Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C) said Mr Foot, when he made his case for the guillotine, should remember Mr Esmond Bulmer (Kiddermins-

ter, C) said the timetable did not allow the English dimension to be properly explored. There were many on the English side of the fence who watched the Bill with great concern and felt Mr Foot was taking Wales down a dark step. No one fully understood where that would lead.

Mr Leopold Abse (Pontypool, Lab) said cynicism would spread when MPs who held one view and expressed it, acted in another way.
MPs sharing his view would con-tinue to fight, and in the end they
would have the response of the people of Wales who would say "No" to the Bill in the referen-

Mr Wyn Roberts, for the Opposition (Conway, C) said the Govern-ment dared not open up the Bill away from the argument because they could not win it. That was Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council, said the Governent would seek to mitigate any difficulties about the preamble to

It is quite wrong to suggest (he said) that there is any intention whatsoever on my part and the Government's part to cheat the people of Wales. We want the question to be put to them in as

to them over the years.

If the House of Lords had a claim to be a revising chamber then they should have revised the European Economic Communities Act and the Industrial Relations Act, 1971. In both cases the House of Lords and its power was never invoked to make sure there was a All those leaders of the Conser-

vative Party who engaged in that operation between 1971 and 1974 the said have certainly forfeited any claim to say they have the right to claim to call upon the House of Lords to revise these

The Conservatives had better be careful how they used their powers in trying to interfere with deci-sions of the House of Commons, especially when the measures going through concerned the democratic

Everybody would be able to see when the general election came the proposals of the Labour Party to deal with the House of Lords. Those proposals would be openly laid down in the manifesto. What was not available, under present arrangements, was for the House and the country to see the arrangements between the official Tory Front Bench and the Tory majority in the House of Lords. in the House of Lords.

The Bill was read a second time by 314 votes to 287—Government 314 votes to majority, 27. House adjourned, 10.50 pm.

#### Referendum undertaking

Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council (Ebbw Vale, Lab) said that a referendum to deal with these constitutional changes must be considered fair by all sections.

He gave a guarantee that the Government would look at this matter carefully. There should be a general understanding in the House of Commons that the ques-He also agreed on first sight that it would be wrong to hold the referendum at the time of a gen-

eral election The suggestion had been put that merit.

The Wales Bill was read a second time shortly after 2 am today by 295 votes to 264—Government majority, 31. Tuesday's siring ended at 3.59 am. was worse than the disease. It would be the wrong course for the House to take.

They would have to introduce all the state of the Paris of Paris o the apparatus of a Bill of Rights and a judiciary, and it would un-dermine the supremacy of the Commons which in his belief was the most precious possession of the ment of the supremacy of Parlia-ment and the authority of the

All that had been provided for in

## semination appeared to be manip- approaching the North American iting the figures to the extent service. Moving towards a European Bill of Rights

Strasbourg

the European convention on human rights, the international covenant on civil and political rights, and the civil and political rights, and the civil and political rights provided for in the constitutions and laws of member states all part of the treatles establishing the Communication.

The motion listed the right which the Commission should in-clude in their consideration of rights to be granted as a matter of en the status Community chizens. These included protection for own interests, but in those of the civil and political rights equal to that provided in the Community would bring bonour and dignity to

The Political Affairs Committee submitted a motion asking the European Commission to make proposals on special rights for Committy citizens, as a first step towards European miton.

The committee also called for an agreement between member states under the Treaty of Rome to make the European convention on human rights, the international Covenant on civil and political to the property of the member states which the citizen resides, the right to belong to a trade union, right of residence for citizens showing evidence of having sufficient means of subsistence, right to use one's mother togue and to choose freely law yers from any member state in

yers from any member state in their defence in court actions, and the right to open private schools and to teach and study in them under the same conditions as under the nationals. Moving the committee's propo-

sal, Sgr Mario Scelba (Italy, C-D)

said that it would tend to strength-

Soc) said the report was not a limiting or restrictive summary of points which had arisen. Mr Cornelis Berkhouwer (Netherfunds, L) said they were siming at reaching the position of centuries ago in the days of Rome when citizens could move freely all over They did not went the ditien g: "What does the munity mean for me if I am

It was not the case at present that a citizen could live freely and without restriction in the mine

commines. He suggested the issue of a European stamp, and asked why people should have to pay different rates to send letters in

to so many restric-

treaties for economic rights, the right of appeal to the Community of reference.

Mr Hector Rivierez (France, DEP) said his group would abstain; they believed the proposal went too far. said his group would abstain; they believed the proposal went too far. It should have stopped at the queswas right for the Assembly to point the way abead. Sgr Feruccio Pisoni (Italy, C-D) said the right of residence should not depend on evidence of means and he moved on amendment to delete that rider.

Viscount Etienne Davignon. Viscomit Etilenne Davignon, for the Commission, said that initially it would be up to each member state, in its legislation, to say that circhens might stand for election locally, not just if they were nationals of that state but if they were EEC citizens and fulfilled the necessary conditions of residence. They must make a start, in spite in the difficulties, to show that evelopment of the Community implied going beyond national

The motion was agreed to.

Italian authorities 'hampering fraud inquiries' The European Commission is being article. We started and are contamined by the Italian authorities in its investigation of "an obvious fraud" over the reimport.

I cannot confirm whether that the friction of the reimport o

ing of Community butter, originally sold very chesply to Soviet Mr Finn Olay Gundelach, Vice-President of the Commission for agriculture, said.

He was replying to a question from Lord Bruce of Domington (Lab) who asked whether the Commission's attention had been

Commission's attention had been drawn to an article in the Durch newspaper Veolksrant of September 30, 1977, that large quantities of butter sold from EEC comtries at very low prices to Russia had reentered the Common Market through other eastern block countries, and whether the Commission could confirm the report. Mr Gundeleck-Yes, The Commission is aware of the article. The

ended up initially without the levy sumption having been paid.

He ask It is obvious fraud and that is the reason for our examination in

Unfortunately we have been somewhat hampered in the conclusion by lack of cooperation from the Italian amhorities. It is necessary to get to the bottom of the business to strengthen our defences against frauds in these transactions in agricultural products which benefit from export restinuion and have to pay levies in the Common Market.

transaction referred to in that artiin the Common Market.

The restitution price they had been cle has been known to us for some Lord Bruce-Lilegal transactions of paying was necessary as long as time before the appearance of the tills kind are the direct result of they had protection of surpluses.

story is true or not. I can confirm below those in the Community. It that we have found that certain finds its way back at prices below was repurchased by a Community quantities of butter exported some that. It is a monstrous reflection time back—not this year—has on the whole policy of buying senfound its way back into the selessly and in unlimited quantities. Community via Rotterdam and has for intervention and not for con-

He asked for an undertaking that as soon as Mr Gundelach had the details of this and similar transactions he should see that full parti-culars were laid before the control subcommittee of the Budget Committee.

Mr Gundelach said he would be happy to do that. Butter had been exported two or three years ago at s special restitution price, and without having proof, he believed his case was related to that export to Soviet Russia some years ago. The restitution price they had been

buver ? Mr Gundelach-That is exactly the

information I cannot give you before I get the cooperation of the member state which has taken the butter back at a price considerably below the price normally paid by the Community for restitution.

#### Motions carried

Mr Berkhouwer's motion asking that a date be fixed by the Council of Ministers for direct elections to the Parliament debated yesterday A motion proposed on Taesday by Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke

(Darwen, C) condemning ter-rorism and calling for cooperation against it was carried.

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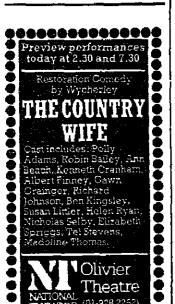
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Bernard conducts Wagner for the first time in the opera house. The work is Lohengrin at Covent Garden, a low-budget produc-tion by Elijah Moshinsky, who will be hoping to repeat his success with Peter Grimes, and a high-budget cast led by Rene Kollo and Anna Tomowa-Sintow, who were in Karajan's staging of the same opera in Salzburg the Easter before last. A fortnight ago London's version was in jeopardy. The sanctions by the Musicians' Union had made Covent Garden put a time limit of three hours on performances. It was just possible to trim Don Carlos to fit that span but Lohengrin would not have responded to

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6.35, 8.30. "Naturally I regret that there have been labour troubles at nave been labour troubles at Covent Garden, but I am a foreigner and it would be quite wrong for me to be involved in any way. My job now is to make up lost time, particularly with the chorus. Lohengrin is the chorul over a ner excellence. COLUMBIA, Shafterbury Ave. 1754 5414). A BRIDGE TOO FAR 1A3. Cont. progs. 1.20 (Not Suns.), 4.30, 7.40. Late show Fri. & Sec. 11.00 p.m. 11.00 p.m.

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Control of the show show the was so determined. But there is no point in putting on extra rehearsals at this juncture:
Lohengrin is an exhausting opera and there would be the danger of singers becoming strained and over-tense. So we just have to do things a little quicker and use our brains." Haitink taps his forehead in a gesture which doubtless goes back to the tenth-century Brabant of Lohengrin.

Does Haitink agree with the conventional view that Wagner sizes a ponderous hearing to

ives a ponderous beginning to There is a hesitation. "Every there is a nesstation. Livery conductor should be totally loyal to the work he is preparing. When I first started studying the score I suppose I went along to some extent with that stricture. But the more I looked at the music the more I he at the music the more I be lieved that Wagner composed precisely the first act he wanted. He wrote the opera in reverse, you know, starting with the final act. So he produced those so-called weaknesses at the end. I don't now believe that they are weaknesses at all, but rather part of a finely architectured work. Lohengrin is Wagner's greatest German comencie opera. Tamhāuser may be more opulent but it is in Lohengrin that we really hear the spirk of Weber."

Raitink is cautious about naming the next Wagner opera he will tackle. He admits that

he has been studying The Ring and Triston, but adds quickly that this is purely for personal pleasure. He does, though, reckon that the experience of reckon that the experience of Lohengrin will make him eliminate "concert hall Waguer", the Siegfried Idylls and the Liebestods, Lohengrin will be his last appearance at Covent money. Garden for some time, so opera-

view of Mozart opera New, Cardiff

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William Man

William Man

Now, Cardiff

Some unsteady forcing—fortunately none in the florid runs of his aria, exceptionally clean), indeed recognizably charming and sensitive. He does not, could not, kneel to beg his wife's forgiveness: when she readens him an extance smile Mozart's Le nozze di Figaro has

Michael Geliot takes a fresh

pardons him, an ecstanic smile illumines his features, as he realizes that tomorrow he will be free to investigate the other acquired such a painta of rever-ential awe, its principal roles are so often assigned to calebrated, therefore quite mature, operatic stars that productions have diffiwenches on his estate. For his employees he is no devil, only an occupational hazard. culty in communicating its element of social comment, stealth-They include, of course, his Countess. Felicity Lott makes her lively and fun-boving, aware of her station though not overily inflammatory, and indeed the comparative youthfulness of the of her station though not over-awed by it. The two arias are well and truly sung, without sentimentality, motivated by flashes of insecurity rather than any enduring grief. She is most berself in her scenes with Susanna, especially the Letter Duet and the rendezvous in the garden, notwithstanding the obvious difference in height between Miss Lott and her. Susanna, the petite, sparkling.

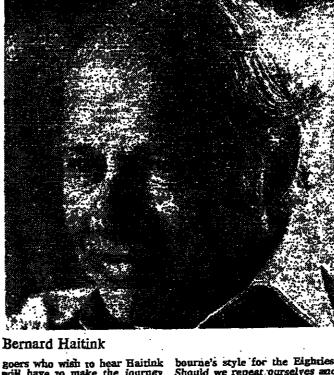
by inflammative, and indeed the comparative youthfulness of the principal characters.

Michael Geliot, in preparing his new production of it for Welsh National Opera, has taken the trouble to make his own English singing version, a free interpretation of Da Ponte's Italian that misses some significant nuances but edds plenty of its own (some imported from Beaumarchais's original). He has also assembled an appropriately young cast whose spirited acting and singing make the drama uncommonly urgent and provocative. The firework display seen in the closing moments may be viewed not only as a jodly relavation after the intrigues of la folle journée, but rather as a final stylization Susama, the petite, sparkling, ever play-acting Meryl Drower, a delicious characterization even if overtaxed by "Deh vieni". Her exit from the cupboard was exquisitely amusing. Figuro, again, is unconventional: John Rawnsley makes him bearded and burly, very but rather as a final stylization of the fires kept blazing in the good-humoured and agile, rather aristocratic (a man as

opera's four acts.
The class warfare is realistic, good as his master) and sensi-tive, agonized by Susanna's teaswithout caricature (save for Don Curzio whose stammer is ing in the garden. We had too, on Tuesday, a credibly youthful and attractive Marcellina in Menai Davies, a fairly spruce and salubrious Basilio (John almost apoplectic, causing him to drop his legal documents again and again). In particular, Count Almaviva is shown as a vain, selfwilled young lordling, Treleaven), and a tall, lovely dictatorial but not unsympath-etic in Stuart Harling's imper-Cherubino, Patricia Parker, never for a moment a convincsonation (finely sung, save for ing boy (even though Mr Geliot makes the page apologize for "Voi che sapete" with "My voice is nearly breaking"

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goers who wish to hear Haitink will have to make the journey to Glyndebourne, where he has taken over from John Pritchard as musical director.

In his opening season there next summer he will conduct Cosi fan tutte in a new production by Peter Hall and will follow this in 1979 with Fidelio, in which Elisabeth Söderström sings Leonore for the first time, and Haydn's L'infedelta premi-

"At Glyndebourge we are looking for the next direction to take. There has been the Rossini period and the current run of Richard Strauss comedies. Haydn is an experiment by mutual agreement. I am convinced that Glyndeam convinced that Gynde-bounts is a tailor-made house for light, brilliant pieces, but what else should we stage there? Carmen perhaps. The experience of the Edinburgh Festival production has proved just how effective that opera can be in a small theatre. We're can be in a small meatre. We re going back to Rosenkavalier in 1980, a special case, perhaps, because Friz Busch made a reduction of the score with Strauss's personal permission and that is the version we will be write.

be using.
"I'd like to tackle the problem of contemporary opera at Sussex, but I don't think it is possible at the moment. One failure with a new work could wreck a season and many composers today present us with an excess of technical demands they don't make it easy for us to put their operas on stage. Perhaps we should find a way of staging new operas outside the festival." (This suggestion dates back to the early Seventies when Harrison Birtwistle's Orpheus was scheduled to be the first of a series of new works to be staged year by year in the autumn. The plan was dropped because of lack of

Should we repeat ourselves and run the risk of boring our audiences or should we take new path and accept the danger of chasing them away? During one discussion I suggested that there should be a year without Mozart, and there was com-plete consternation." The glint in Haitink's eye gave the pression that the proposal was oot too serious.

not too serious.

Hairink's main project, outside Glyndebourne and his commitments with the Concert-gebouw in Amsterdam, is to conduct all the Shostakovich symphonies with the Vienna Philharmonic. This will be for Decca, rather than his regular company Philips.

"I like independence and I don't care to be associated with certain composers only. It has

don't care to be associated with certain composers only. It has taken me years to get rid of the Mahler-Bruckner label—it's like being a chef who is famous for Chicken Kiev and nothing else. On the other hand I'm not prepared to be involved in squabbles between rival record companies—you do far better to stay at home and read a good book than get engaged in such tussies. in such tussles. After Shostakovich I'd like

to turn to Verdi. The only opera by him I've conducted is Don Carlos and that was a very long time ago. People reli me that I'm a Northern European that I'm a Northern European and have no business with the Italian repertory, and I reply that Goethe's eyes were regularly turned to the Mediterranean so why should mine not look in the same direction? Perhaps we could have a Verdiplan for Glyndebourne, Macheth, which of course they have staged already, and Ballo as well as Falstoff. When I made that suggestion about resting that suggestion about resting Mozart for a year they asked what would replace him. Rossini and Haydn, I replied, and it is not such a bad idea."

John Higgins

most unlikely, though it did spread uncomfortably).

They all played together with fire and vitality, to amusing as well as thought provoking effect; and the impact was the

more telling because Alexander McPherson's settings are heavy

and dark, relieved by discreed plays of light and by two busy

revolves, in the last two acts, which vary the density of the spectacle. György Fischer, a regular WNO visitor from Cologne, conducted a smartly

paced, appreciative reading of the magical score, rather short

on necessary vocal graces, orchestrally sometimes fallible but genuinely likeable.

humbler employees.

The particular impress of the

production lies deeper than any or all of these features, even

-laugh for fear of being obliged

London Contemporary Dance Theatre Sadler's Wells

John Percival

Heartened by the wartnih their reception on tours to Paris and to the United States this summer, London Contemporary Dance Theatre are back at the Wells, this time for four weeks. Their opening pro-gramme offered a more varied selection from the repertory than we have sometimes seen, with revivals of contrasted works created over the past decide and one from the pioneer days of modern dance. The main work is a new ver-sion of Mass, which used to be dominated, when the company first danced it four years ago, by Vladimir Rodzianko's anarchical score. This time it has a new score by Judith Wier, commissioned with a Gulbenkian grant. Written for string quartet, it seems to aim at a Webern-like terseness but phrases which begin as echoes of familiar melodies splinter

eway into jagged fragments.

The dancers' involvement in producing the vocal accompaniment is much reduced, but it still begins with the sound of keening and is interrupted by occasional squeaks and grunts. Norberto Chiese has provided new designs: a twisted white plastic sheet at the back that might be anything from a tree to a cave, and costumes which, like much of Robert Cohan's choreography emphasize the gluteus maximus; what a pity that Graham technique so often converts this to maxissimus. New lighting, too, by John B. Read keeps picking out the up-raised hands in a sentimentally emphatic manner. This repeated

gesture, together with the occasional lifting of one dancer and the men's beating their breasts. brings out the liturgical mean-of the title. Otherwise the heavy groupings might suggest taking it rather in the physicists' sense of the word.

Mass is staged and danced with earnest sincerity, but like Coban's Nympheas earlier in the evening it seems to me to illustrate the sort of thing classical baller can do and has done much better. The earlier Mass, although I personally disliked it intensely, had a force that has been desipoted. The new xers, sion is unlikely to provoke sion is unintery to provide admiration that the old one did.

A new couple, Sallie Ested and Anthony van Laast, danced Numpheas with bright fre energy. I am tempted to think, that this baller's hazy vignettes to Debussy piano music are secretly about pond life: the early dances are amorphous as. frorspawn, the men in their quartet look like radpoles and ater there are some froglike jumps and crouchings.

Noemi Lapzeson, one of the company's founder members now working in France. re-turned to stage and dance in her Cantabile, first seen in 1970. Its mildly humorous, sometimes bitter backward look at the dashed hopes of childhood has no great illumination to offer but is modestly entertaining.

Much the sharpest, brightest shortest, most imaginative and original work on the programme was the 40-year-old solo Harmonica Breakdown which Jane Dudley revived last season for Siobham Davies. In five minutes it offers more real choreographic invention and tells vou more about human nature than all the rest put together.

Shut Your Eyes and Think of England Apollo

Ned Chaillet

With No Sex, Please—We're British Anthony Marriott found a title that bardly needed a play. Whether the title he and his collaborator, John Chapman, have taken from the punch line of a middly risque joke will send the same tingle of promise through prospective andiences, for their new play is yet to be proved. The joke was, et to be proved. The joke was, of course that a mother giving ber daughter advice on how to get through her wedding night, advised her to do as she did.

In Shur Your Eyes and Think of England, however, there is considerably more than domestic sex. There is the marvellous, deft comic playing of Donald Sinden, and there is an oil-rich Arab shaikh, having al-ready bought what he wanted in Westminster, who is intent on buying up the City. So vital is his money to the British his money to the British economy that the Right Hon Sir Frederick Condhurst advises everyone concerned to structheir eyes for England's sake while the shalkh goes about his As farce goes things are

already emmodestry consused by the time the shalkh arrives. Sir Justin Hollhook (Frank Thornton), by 9.30 on a Saturday morning in the executive suite of his City office, has twice been caught with a prostitute from a so-caffed secretarial agency. His first discoverer is a stuttering foolish staff accountant called Arthur Pul-

In moments Sir Justin has passed the girl to Pullen, claiming she is Mrs Pullen, bribed Pullen with the job of chief rulen with the 100 of their accountant and had the second attack of his Stokes-Adams heart ailment. The arrival of Sir Frederick, in the massive person of Willoughby Goddard, provokes another attack when he learns that Shaikh Maramin in the tearns of the second side of the secon is to buy out all his shares in the investment corporation that morning.

When the shaikh Pullen is passing himself off as. Sir Justin, still trying to fool Sir Justin's wife about the girl and supposedly having an affair with a man called Stokes Adams. The shaikh is sauguing about that because his uncle knew T. E. Lawrence—intimated with the same of ately. Yet to come are Pullen's real wife, the shalkh's Jewish lawyer and a doctor to deal

This is a farce where to give away the ending would hardly spoil the fun since so many of the laughs are solidly in the writing. But at the centre is Mr Sinden, a marvel of characterization, building himself from confused deference to a stature befitting the thirty-eighth floor, which he will inherit. Patrick Garland has guided the company into glossy, clever performances, including, as well as those I've Smith as the girl

There are doldrums in the last act, resolution being the lesser part of valorous farce, and some of the Arab jokes, such as references to shop-lifting, are far too easy, but there is no mistaking the authors' accurate reading of the times. They make it easy to scottment cases Annual Turbles, they are laugh at trouble; they are sinden's performance and so upright that he has to be threatened with jail to keep him at his job. The second is Sir Justin's wife (Jan Holden). The Cheek of Araby.

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Alan Coren

Last week, in this space, I had to complain that Dumony was under-dramatized. This week, for a not entirely dissimilar enterprise, I find overdrametization to be its main

but genuinely likeable.

Mr Geliot's approach, as producer, to Figuro is inescapably fresh and strong, folk of atmosphere not easily pin-pointed because the characteristics are those of the opera's contents. We may note the presence of washing-line and carpenter's bench in the living quarters of Susanua and Figuro, the dancing entry of peasants in the wedding scene, the employment of everyday Welsh accents by the Almaviva's humbler employees. Nipper, like last week's ruined muse, is a victim: his agency in his own doom is minimal. Born to a tart with a minimal. Born to a tart with a heart of brass, the pre-adolescent Nipper is discovered as the play opens kicking his heels in the yard of the house to which his mother has just brought a boory funeral party returning from his father's cremation. The father has been killed at the wheel of his truck; he has been burnt both informally and ritually, and that incineration becomes the latinotif of the subsequent action. The boy, as his physical and psychological his physical and psychological agonies accumulate, burns him-self with cigarettes, burns the shop of one of his persecutors, or all of these features, even the characterizations summarized above—sure to other as soon as the cast begins to change. It is skillfully manocurred, amentive to all the qualities of a deanises human comedy, manifesdy a istoour of love and admiration. Chiefly this view of Figure is unreverential, uncomfortable, yet as a result mushful and optimistic because, as Beaumanhais's barber admitted: "I have to laugh for fear of being obliged snop of one or ms persecutors, burns the parked trucks of the company for which his father drove, having been informed, brutally, by his mother that the man was not his father at all, that his true father was someone whose name she cannot persenter.

remember.

There was a dramatic glib-ness, I found, in these paralleled burnings, a too-patent exposition of motive, a framework too heavily imposed framework no heavily imposed on nature. Similarly, there was an irritatingly patterned predictability about the unrelieved evil of the adults who bullied the boy to death: mother, stepfather, stepbrothers, psedophiliac shopkeeper, policemen, magistrates. What Barrie Keeffe finally presented us with was a brilliantly scripted if over-constructed further version of his familiar Song of Experience: adulthood itself is mean, selfish, bitter, disorganized, sadistic. It is the enemy of impocence and youth; it is tolerable when it passes into impotent old age, as in the case

impotent old age, as in the case of Nipper's pseudo-grand-parents, or when it drops out of organized society, a figure embodied on Tuesday in the ratical training training, who, inevitably, lived in the forest to which Nipper fied, natural greenest being innocent's sentimental answer to urban harshness.

And sex? Sex. the end of

And sex? Sex, the end of innocence, is only lust leading to unwanted offspring; it has nothing to do with love. There is no relief in Barrie Keeffe's dark presented would except in dark, poisoned world except in death. The good all died on Tuesday, the evil prospered on A powerful play, certainly; but, ironically, less powerful than it might have been without the overkill.

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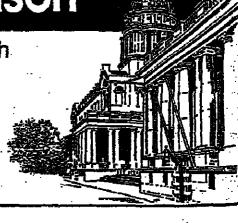
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But the most beautiful knitronels, pretty, flattering stuff to pack and wear and wear, and pack and wear in the most beautiful knitronels. But the most interesting discovery for me was Angelo Tarbett Now, here is a man who has been around. Seventeen years in the business, in his native Rome (with Carosa) which dictated trends. He was New York with the legenwhich dictated trends. He was not a moment too soon, for breathing down the necks of the Establishment was the dazzthe Establishment was the dezz-ling Kenzo Takada who for the next five years was to be among the most influential fashion makers in the world. (The life span used to be 10 years, but what with Cowcorde and infla-tion things have a bit speeded.

Saint Laurent was also uniquely qualified to perform the task. Trained in the highest traditions—and they do not come any higher—of Paris course, robed as a lad in the mantle of the great Christian Dior, the weight of which proved too much, he is also the most representation to the others. most responsive to the echoes of latent taste and consumer cesire. Soint Laurent made blue denim OK for dowagers. He also made le ready-to-wear more chic than standing around hoving a dress made, as a gar-dening French sunt once

pointed out to me, for the same cas as a small greenhouse. The problem for most women is that there are an awful lot of streets, in life and in fashion, and which one should you follow? The answer is, the designer who happens to be walking your way. That brings us to the question, which way are you walking? Gone are those long straight boulevards labelled "skirt two inches above/below the knee, navy blue coat for spring, hats must match gloves". Instead it is Time Out time, buy your own compass, steer by the stars, and is that there are an awful lot compass, steer by the stars, and Heaven help all who look like nothing on earth at the end of the journey.

Nothing could highlight this point more than the recent pret a porter shows in Paris. On the one hand, the predict-able steadies, wheeling out the wooden horse to justify inefficient seating extrangements, opening it to reveal not make warrious of design but a few tanty reprises. On the other some really new names. I can suggest four. The first is the bourique Zozo in the Rue Pierre Lescor which for cheap, (all fnings are comparative) jazzy clothes, tulie frilled petti-coats etc.—is unbeatable. Near-

by is France Andrevie, 2 Place

inflation bit poor Brits.
Only two pangs. "Where did
you get these wonderful
colours?" said L "Oh well, from my water colour paint box.

has been around. Seventeen years in the business, in his native Rome (with Carosa) then New York with the legandary Jerry Silverman, then with Jean Patou, then suddenly on his own.

I thought his collection was simply beautiful. He is one of those very rare designers who knows when to leave fabric alone—Givenchy has always said that the material tells you what you may do with it, but Tarlazzi, in the same way as our own Yuki, just lets it do what it most ought to. Under the apparent nepligence there is the eagle eye of the erstwhile haute couturier, however. haute couturier, however.
Those soft, cotton miracles of
fold and drape are in fact made
not of the any old cheesecloth you may care to strain your tea through but of the finest, softest, long staple Egyptian cotton.

cotton.

They do not crease, they float and flow, and they were commanded by the properly intransigent M Tarlazzi from an Italian mill which was famous for prints. "For me", he assured them, "you will make just the base cloth, in five colourways" and they did, and it is truly lovely. Tarlazzi has got not only an amazing eye for fabric but the nous to know that the more simple (apparfor reache out the nous to know that the more simple (apparently) the shape the better the cloth must be to support it. There are a few prints, with which he declares himself unsatisfied, though I thought they were neat.

they were neat.

But what I really liked was
this control—not contrivance—
of his medium. All of a sudden, Angelo Tarlazzi, without fear, or favour, has discovered himself. Customers benefit from his training. The trousers are his training. The trousers are tactfully shirted at the waist, for comfort and fit, the colours are ravishing, the knitwear ought to push Scotland farther towards devolution if they could hive him. Then he wants a woman to buy just one piece from him to start with, and wear it with something else, which cannot but appeal to the inflation hit poor Brits.

Mind you, the producer wasn't very pleased, he said what's this. But he did them." "How long?" I quavered "Oh, 24 hours I suppose". And that beautiful fabric, "They said we make prints, but OK. For you we'll make it plain." In Italy.



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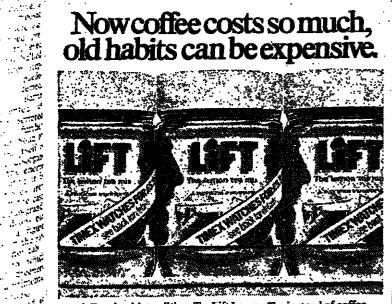
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Football

## England have less than a slim chance

Football Correspondent

Strange things do happen in football and last night at Wembley England nudged the winds of fortune tat occasionally revive lost causes. They have left Italy to beat Luxembourg in Rome on December 3. This the Italians hould do with ease and there is now even less than a stim chance that England, instead, could be in Argentina next sum-mer to challenge for the World Cup, that jewel beyond the reach

of the country from which the game itself was cut. The Italians, who had been majestic, elegantly confident and crushing in their punishment of rushing in their pumshment of Finland a month ago, here chose a more cautious line and this latest of England's variations, a team with three new faces in front of a more established defence, gave them some cause to feel relieved that they could overcome a troublesome start. In the end the Italians were satisfied; yet so, too. were the England supporters

troublesome start. In the end the Italians were saitsiled; yet so, too, were the England supporters in a crowd of \$2,000 who saw something for a future beyond present disappointments.

In the cold, brittle atmosphere, nerves were on edge and in the early moments it seemed that anything could happen. The Italians suffered much the more obviously and were soon strangely transfixed by the eagerness of England. As expected, they closed in on Keegan and Brooking while Tardelli tried to nip Barnes before he could flower. But their plans faltered uneasily as Brooking soon challenged their nerves and found them raw. More than anyone he drew them out in the game's infancy.

Running wide wille Coppeil filled the spaces behind him. Brooking took the bail behind the defenders and fed Keegan rather than the big man, Latchford, who had a quiet march. Though Neal bad to save England aimost on the line with Bettega threateningly close, nervousness was clearly eating at Italy. They were seriously troubled by such in-all manner of trouble within their own penalty area.

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the field with a hamstring injury
came on to attempt further damage in the area which his absence
left weakened. Finally, however,
England had to be content to
make a positive and exact reply

light England's wav and if the odds were still solidly in Italy's favour, the atmosphere became charged with auticipation. Italy crossed their own halfway line infrequently, yet one could not say, at that stage, it was by intent. England were genuinely raising the spirits and the Italians allowed rhemselves to be disturbed.

Anxiety nagged. Graziani, their centre forward, became a casualty, wounded above the harrline. Benetti had his name taken and so did Gentile some time later. In between England might have added to their score. In one dizzy added to their score. In one dizzy
moment the ball brushed infuriatingly close to Latchford and
Brooking in front of Zoff and
passed on towards Barnes, who
fafied to connect properly.
Barnes attenuately compensated,
running strongly at the Italian
tefers, and controlling the ball defence and controlling the ball well; a resemblance, here, to Bobby Charlton as he swerved past three defenders later in the half and forced Zoff to save at

for Italy the game matured to



Keegan (left) heads England's first goal at Wembley last night.

to Italy's 2—0 win over them in-Rome a year ago. They were cheered from the field and that was probably the most important

was probably the most amportant thing.

England manager, Rou Greenwood, said the team which he thought restored some pride in English football. "It's always very sarisfying when you take a gamble in choosing a side and the players respond. The gamble paid off because everyone went forward as I had urged them to do. The players said that it was nice to be cheered off the Wembley pitch. We set out to restore pride and respect in our football and we got the verdict from the crowd at the end. We played with a lot of emotion and freedom for the first time in a long while.

"I am proud of English football and proud we showed millions of people upand down the country

we are not down and out as people seem to think we are. We were able to pull apart Italy's man for man marking system and create space. We found this difficult against Luxembourg as their defenders just stood around like lamp posts. I hope they do the same when Italy play them. The qualifying position is out of our hands now."

"This is the last of my three I'd like to be remembered for having an unbeaten record and no must not get carried away with this result but whoever takes over has young players available who are obviously ready for interna-tionals. We mixed good continen-nal football with the best in English football and this gives us

## **Armstrong sets Ireland alight**

Northern Ireland unearthed a was the spark which ignited new goal-scoring hero in Gerry Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland unearthed a new goal-scoring hero in Gerry Armstrong as their stuttering World Cup campaign ended on a triumphant note before 7,000 spectators at Windsor Park, Belfast, yesterday. The Tottenham Hotspur striker sent Belgium, the group four runners-up, to the Netherlands, reeling to a surprising and comprehensive defeat. He scored twice to give Ireland renew optimism for the forthcoming European championship.

Armstrong, brought in out of

Armstrong, brought in out of the cold by Danny Blanchflower, the national manager—who has serached in vain for a dynamic finisher—responded with an explosive performance. With this success, Armstrong's transfer value must have soared. (There is speculation about his moving from Tottenham.)

The big Spurs man picked up a short pass from David McCreery, a Manchester United midfield player, and with one swing of his right foot bit a thundering drive behind a startled Jean Marie Pfaff in the visiting goal.

As Armstrong's aggressive run-ning unhinged the hesitant Belgian defence. Northern Ireland put themselves in an impregnable posi-tion with a second goal in the 58th minute from Christopher Mc-

The inspirational Armstrong had no involvement in this, but he was back in the picture when he scored again in the 74th mingian offside trap to cut across the box and fire another vicious shot that left Pfaff grasping the It was Northern Ireland's biggest

win since October, 1975, when they beat the part-timers of Norway by the same score in a European championship game. Belgium threatened only twice. Jan Ceulemans beat Jennings from 25 yards, but the shot was too high, and later the same player waltzed round the Arsenal goalkeeper, only to run over the ball. NORTHERN RELAND: P. Jaming (Arsenal): P. Rico (Arsenal): P. Rico (Arsenal) S. Ne son (Arsenal): N. Nichell (Mancheste United). A. Hunter (Ipswich Town capalla, 1sub. C. Nicholl, Southampinn). S. McHroy (Manchester United). G. McCracty (Manchester United). In McCracty (Manchester United). If McCracty (Manchester United). B. Armshrong (Tottanham Holspur). Il Stewart (Hell City). T. Anderso (Swindon Towh).

France top

Parts, Nov 16.—France qualified for next year's World Cup football finals in Argentina by

beating Bungaria 3—1 here coday. It was the final European group

five qualifying match. France top

the group with five points from four matches, Bulgaria had four

points and ireland three points. It is the first time France have qualified since 1966.—Agence

Southampton's

hopes shaken

by suspensions

Association announced yesterday

At the same meeting the commission dealt with the cases of
Osgood and Peach, who had also
reached 20 points. As Osgood
and Peach were not at the meeting the announcement of the decision was deferred until after

Blackburn the previous week.

sion and Tottenham second. Leeds' centre-back, Gordon Mc-

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# Wales submit to Eastern **European domination** but mostly the goalkeeper had little to do. In the second half Wales rarely ventured out of their own half, and Kroupa twice sent shors just wide as Czechoslovakia thrust forward. After 72 minutes Wales sent on Nick Deacy, who scored the third goal when they beat Czechoslovakia in Wrenham last month. He replaced Thomas in an attempt to liven up the attack. But he was marked too closely to have any affect. "I'm never happy when I lose", Michael Smith, the Welsh manager, said, "and today our ream was less dangerous than last time (in Wrecham) and was under constant pressure, which it could not witherand Rut I was

Czechoslovakia 1 wales v
Prague, Nov 16.—An eleventh
minute gozi by Zdozek Nechoda
was enough to give CzechoCup match here toxight. They
slovakia victory in their Warld
Cup match here toxight. They
finished second in group seven,
Scotland having made certain of
winning the section and qualifying for the finals in Argentina
next year.
Czechoslovakia will be encour-Czechoslovakia will be encour-

Czechoslovakia will be encour-aged by the performance of their experimental team, who included five new caps and hardly any of the side that won the European championship less than 18 months early on and the Welsh defence was lucky to escape on several occasions.

occasions.

Karel Kroupa made the goal in an early raid with a sixt from the right that the unmarked Nehoda nudged past Dal Dewies in goal. Davies had no chance of saving it, though his courage saved his side many times later in the match. Two players were couttoned: Michael Thomas and Lozef Blisky.

Jozef Bilsky.

The match was clean, but there was an air of competitiveness that was slightly unexpected with nothing except honour at stake. After an initial show of spirit, Wales were forced more and more into defence, and what shots they had were mainly misdirected.

Brian Flynn turned quickly to shoot after 17 minutes, but was folled by Hruska in goal, and John Toshack troubled him with one of his characteristic leaning one of his characteristic leaping beaders a minute from balf-time,

last time (in Wrexham) and was under constant pressure, which it could not withstand. But I was glad we had a chance to play against such a good and tough team. We've, a young team and can only grow if we play against opponents of this calibre."

Czechoslovakia's manager, Vaclav Jezek, who istrying to put together a new side after the slide over the past year, said he was generally satisfied with the result. "I was pleased with the team's fighting spirit.", he said, "but from the way they played the end phases of the attacks, it is still obvious that the team has a lot of work to do."

Group Seven Group Seven
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Jones. J. Pallips, J. Jones. J.
Mahongy, T. Yorath, B. Fryan, D.
Nardiello. J. Toshack. M. Thomas (sub.
N. Deacy).
Referee: A. Prokop (East Germany).

#### Clough's offer for Walsh rejected as too low

Southampton's promotion hopes were dented when the Football Blackpool have rejected Brian Clough's offer for Mick Walsh, their Republic of Ireland striker. The Blackpool manager, Allen Brown, said yesterday that Notingham Forest's offer, believed to be about £200,000, was "far too low." Brown has had talks with Clough, and was under the impression that Forest were willing to Association announced yesternay that Peter Osgood and David Peach had been suspended for three matches from Saturday. Steve Williams, a Southampton midfield player, was suspended for two matches on Tuesday when he made a personal appearance before an FA Disciplinary Commission in London baving accumulated 20 disciplinary points.

At the same meeting the com-

"This did not materialize and the final offer was not enough. We have contacted Forest to confirm this ", Mr Brown said. He added that Billy Ronson, a midfield player for Biackpool, did not figure in the talks.

#### Football results and tables World Cup

Group two
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Keegan 92,000
Brooking Southampton had been officially informed. Last Saturday Osgood and Williams missed the home game with Blackpool. They were both serving a one-match suspension after being sent off against Plackburn the previous seek P W D L F A Pts
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Malta 5 0 0 5 0 24 0 Blackburn the previous week.

On that occasion Lawrie McMenemy, the Southampton manager, was forced to bring in 18year-old Graham Baker and Steve
Neville, who is 20, for their first
league games. All three suspended players miss the game at
Oldham on Saturday and the home
fixture with Fulham the following
week. Osgood and Peach will
still be out of action for the vital
promotion match against Tottenham at White Hart Lane on December 3. At present Southampton are fourth in the second division and Tottenham second. Austria qualify. Remaining fix-ture: Nov 27: Malta v Turkey. Group four

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France qualifying.

Leeds' centre-back, Gordon McQueen, is also suspended for three matches, baving accumulated 20 disciplinary points, and two of the games he will miss are of particular importance: a first division game against Nottingham Forest at Elland Road on Saturday and a fourth round League Cup tie at Bolton on November 30. He will also miss a league game at West Ham on November 26.

Bill Edwards (Wimbledon) is suspended for three matches from Monday: Mick Dennis (Birmingham) for two matthes from Saturday; Dave Hatton (Bury) for two matches from Saturday; Dave Hatton (Bury) for two matches from Saturday and Steve Foster (Portsmouth) began a three-match suspension on Tuesday night. All had accumulated 20 disciplinary points. P W D L F A Pts Sweden 4 3 0 1 7 4 6 Norway 4 2 0 2 3 4 4 Switzerland 4 1 0 3 3 5 2 Sweden quality. Group eight Spain 3 2 0 1 3 1 4
Romania 4 2 0 2 7 8 4
Yugoslavia 3 1 0 2 6 7 2
Remaining fixture: Nov 30:
Yugoslavia v Spain.

Hungary 4 2 1 1 6 4 5
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Greece 4 1 1 2 2 6 3
Play-off: Hungary 6, Bolivia 0.
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Scottish League Cup (quarter-final round, second leg)
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Rangers won 6—2 on aggregate.
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Fortar won 4—3 on aggregate.
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(after extra time)
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## Reign of the elder statesmen of British game appears over Taylor is over. Each had only one good set in him. Cox was beaten 7—5, 6—1 by his compatriot, John Lloyd, 11 years his jumor, who has therefore defeated him twice in three weeks.

only seven points.

Cox said later that he was just

Wojtek Fibak and Tom Okker Workek Fibak and Tom Okker were feeling good when they sar down to dinner last evening. In five hours they had won three matches without losing a set in the Benson and Hedges tennis tournament at Wembley. This meant that they were showing a joint profit of £3,920 (minus deductions for this, that and the other) and still had chips on the table.

In the singles Fibak best Byron

table.
In the singles Fibak beat Byron
Bertram 7-6, 6-4 and Okker
defeated Robert Lutz 7-5, 6-3,
Then Fibak and Okker had a 6-3. 6—1 doubles win over Ove Bengt-son and Keith Richardson, of South Carolina. Richardson's background is so obscure that his

South Carolina. Richardson's background is so obscure that his emergence at seventy-eighth place in the world rankings briefly aroused suspicious that he might be a throw-back to the old-fashioned breed of doctors and Servicemen who used to take time off from their official duties to play games under such pseudonyms as "A. Newman". Floak made a sluggish start and almost lost a set while making the necessary adjustments to his concentration and timing. Bertram had a good Wimbledon (as Brian Gottfried and Jimmy Compors would tessify), and in yesterday's first set he repeatedly had Fibak on the ropes. In the tenth and twelfth games Bertram was three times within two points of winning that set: and in a tiebreak containing 22 points he had no fewer than six set points.

That was as close as Fibak or Okker came to losing a set. Okker, looking unreasonably lively for a man with 33 birthdays hehind him, was restlessly eager in disposing of Lutz, a heavy and placid man who was having some trouble with a chest muscle and needed more sympathetic treatment than Okker was prepared to give him.

Two of the elder statesmen of British tenmis were beaten. It seems that the domestic era dominated by Mark Cox and Roger

the way he used to keep on working, keep on throwing punches, and anything can izopen.

punches, and anything tan happen.

In the first set he was in trouble when serving at 3-5 and deuce: and in trouble agam when hartin was serving at 5-4 and 30-all. But Taylor, still recognizable as the man who three times reached the semi-final round at Wimbledon, bounced back to win the tie-break. That recovery honoured the past. The rest of the match—Taylor won only five more games—honoured the future. Taylor simply ran out of steam. His punches no longer carried enough sting. After that tough first set, youth had to be served. Another British loser was Christopher Mottram, beaten 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 by Raul Ramirez. The Mexican strained his back finishing off Dayld Lloyd on Tuesday. Yesterday there was some doubt whether the pain of playing would be worthwhile. But he had his

back strapped and went on court to see what would happen. In the first set his tensis was substituted by apprehension. Motivam won the set but caused him no physica distress. And Ramirez, his pride hurt and his muscles warm, woo cleven of the next 16 games. A Lloyd served and volleyed so Lloyd served and volleyed so well that Cox never reached deuce against service. Cox, having lost his service in the last game of the first set (which ended with a double fault), mentally went into neutral. In the first five games of the second set he scored contractors points. difference in class was evident-as it was when Ramirez crushed Mottram in last year's French championships.

The Mexican is a player of delectable grace. His quickness is extraordinary, but he never seems extraordinary, but he never seems to hurry. He simply creates time in which to caress the ball smoothly this way and that, guiding it into awkward places with an ease that disguises artistry. He translizes his opponents rather than assaulting them. By his own more modest standards Mottram often played well northly in win-Cox said later that he was just frustrated. He simply did not know what to do. He could not get into the march. Lloyd was so quick that Cox had no time to do the things he wanted to do. All the doors were closed. But for one set this was an absorbing contest. often played well, notably in who-ning two love games from 2-5 down in the third set. But after Taylor had similar problems in conceding more than 15 years to Ball Martin, who best Guillermo Villes and Cox in consecutive matches to reach the last eight at Winbledon. Taylor still thinks at the warm he read to: keep on the first set it was mostly cat and mouse—and Ramirez was the

An interesting feature of the tournament is the work of the Professional Tennis Umpires Federation, a young organization still strungling for recognition. Their members are amateurs, of both sexes, who take a professional approach to a difficult job. It is puzzling that these amilably breezy enthusiasts, most of them youngsters, have incurred the hostility of an older organization, the Lawn Tennis Umpires' Association. The PTUF have upset a few people by doing the job just as well as more experienced officials. But essentially they should be regarded as a totally healthy "ginger" group.

Injury puts Miss | Laver sees himself and Barker out of the game slowing down

Milwaukee, Nov 16.—Until two or three years ago, Rod Laver had few problems beating any player on the professional tenmis circuit. At 39, however, he says that time is catching up with him. "I have to be honest". Laver said while he was in Milwaukee for an exhibition match. "I've slowed down a little longer to kick back after a match."

Laver, twice the winner of the "grand slam"—the United States, Australian, Wimbledon and French championskips—said that the younger players are making his life difficult on court. "Someone like Jimmy Commors, someone whom I had never played before, they don't respect my game. I was always able to get the better of anybody that I played on a communal basis.

"Someone like Jimmy, though, dosen't understand, or doesn't have any fear about my game because he never came up against it. It was the same with me and Gonzalez. You start to weigh a person you've watched and think 'I can't beat that person' because you just saw him play." Laver says that he now realizes his limitations. **championships** Sydney, Nov 16.—Susan Barker, of Britain, the top seed, was today forced to pull out of the internaof Britain, the top seed, was today forced to pull out of the international women's tennis championships, sponsored by Colgate, at White City here because of injury. Miss Barker lost the first set 3—6 against Terry Holladay, of the United States, before aggravation of a torn suigh muscle forced her to redre.

Miss Barker, who has been off the circuit since Angust with anaemia, tore the muscle during practice in last week's Wightman Cup in the United States. The disappointed Devonshire girl said she had played "too much too soon" and that changing direction on the grass court and the extra pressure on her leg from serving, had done the damage.

Miss Barker is still hopeful of playing at next week's turnament in Melbourne and expects to be back in form for the Australian Open in late December. She will spend tomorrow watching the Australian Open golf championship here

here.

RESULTS: T. Holladay beat S.
Barker, 3—6, reid: F. Durr heat W.
Paish, 5—4, 4—6, 6—4; N. Gregory
boat L. Charles, 6—1, 4—6, 6—1;
D. Fromholz beet R. Tomanova, 6—0,
6—1; G. Stevens heat B. Nagelson.
6—2, 6—3.

"I'm hoping that I'm not going to get caught with playing a lot of termis and losing a lot. I'm putting myself on the line now, but not as a circuit player, as a partitime player, because I have a family and I can't get away as much as I'd like to." Laver said that today's top players compare favourably with yesterday's stars. But top class players of the past were much better than what he called today's medium class players.

called today's medium class players.

"I look at a Rosewall really playing in his prime, playing good heavy tennis, or a Hoad. They would have mastered a player like Dibbs or Solomon today. The top class player of the past learned his game on a much faster court. He learned on cement or grass, a net-type game. So you learned to play voileys, half-voileys and to really punch the ball.

"Today, I can't really name too many who have good voileys because they've learnt amother game. Solomon and Dibbs don't know how to voiley. For years Borg just pushed his voiley back into play and Vilas doesn't have a voiley. But I think the Borg and Connors group are closely matched to the top players.

Rugby Union

# exact

the penalty

By Gordon Alian
Civil Service 10 Surrey Clubs 8
Surrey Clubs were penalized at a lineout a few minutes before the end at Chiswick yesterday and lost the match because of it. Cooling kicked the goal for Civil Service, who won by two penalty goals and a try to two tries.

In a game full of handling mistakes, Civil Service were perhaps a little lucky to win, in spite of their marginal superiorty in the forwards. The Surrey three-quarters moved quite slickly when they were able and, even after Gosling had kicked the decisive penalty, they nearly poached another try. Barlow, not for the first time, broke out of defence, and Paul Wordsworth, a former Cambridge University and England stand-off half, nock the ball almost as far as the Civil Service 22 before the movement was stifled.

Surrey are celebrating their centenary next season and a nour of Italy has been arranged for the junior side, possibly including a match against the Italian national XV. Many of the players yesterday are in line for places. They have done well in the past against the Netherlands and Spain, and Ron Tennick, one of the rugby union's coaching organizers, believes they could do the same against the more formidable Italians.

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Barlow scored both Surrey's tries in the first half. Campbell made the running for the first and Barlow cut inside Rogerson to go over at the corner flag. The second was exclusively Barlow's because, after the ball had gone left from a scrummage, he changed the direction of amack and ran through a momentarily paralyzed defence. Stockham, a former London Welsh player, missed both conversions. Gosling, who belongs to Cardiff, kicked a close-range penalty for Civil Service.

close-range penalty for Civil Service.

Langford, a prop forward whose home club is Lianelli, stored Civil Service's my early in the second half. Clouston failed to find touch for Surrey and Rogerson kicked back upfield. Surrey hesitated and Piggott, grabbing the ball from under their noses, combined with Connor, the Waterlov and Lancashire No 6, and Cousins to drive Langford over halfway between the posts and the corner. Goding missed the conversion but not the penalty that mattered.

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# Civil Service | Stanley's backs will feel selectors' eyes on them Nigel French will be under scrumy in the centre, as will lan George ith his partnership with Neil Bennett at half back. In his Northampton days the versatile George found Jacko Page blocking his ambitions at scrum half, but since moving to Rosslyn Park this season he has served reminder that he is one of the most rounded of English players in that position. One hears that David Duckham; after a frustrating season or two of injuries, has recaptured a healthy appetite for the game. I dare say it would need only a hint or two of former times for him to be back in English reckoning, and to ercourage the selectors to look again when the interregional matches are staged next month.

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Tony Neary and Rill Beaumont, two of four English Lions named to play at forward, have had to withdraw from the Stanley's XV playing Oxford University at Iffley Road this afternoon (2.30). Their places are taken by David Rollitt and Barry Ayre. Derek Wyas, is also out with an injury, so Tony Richards, of Wasps, will play on the wing.

the wing.

Neary, a solicitor, has pressing business in London and Beaumont has a badly swollen hand, after baving it trodden on in the Lancashire game last weekend. Their absence takes away some of the glamour from the occasion, but the undergraduates are likely to think that the visiting selection still packs a substantial punch. still packs a substantial punch.

The Stanley's front row of Cotton, Wheeler and Burton remains intact (Wheeler will now lead the side instead of Neary) and it will now be supported by the successful Moseley engine room of Ayre and Field. The solid Oxford front row, considerably smaller than their opponents, will hope to make things awkward in the tight by burrowing away from underneath.

Tim Bryan, the Oxford captain, has made one change from the side that lost honourably to Blackheath last Sainriay. The dashing Hoolahan, who won his Blue against Cambridge last year, has recovered from a hamstring injury and thus returns to the wing.

It is possible that Ayre and and thus returns to the wing.

It is possible that Ayre and Field will find themselves opposed to Nigel Horton and Beaumont in the England trial in early January. Field, a powerful figure at close quarters, has grabbed his chance with Moseley since the departure of Horton to Toulouse and Ayre seems to have acquired greater that we Housever on this occa-

month.

If he gers some good hall—which may be asking for a lox against the Stanley's pack—David Willis, Oxford's swift and powerful wing, built on the lines of a Charles Kent, might do his eventual prospects no barm. The occasion is being sponsored by Rank Kerox. Son is being sponsored by Rank Xerox.

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Northampton cannot find a place for Wright

Ian Wright, a former England gets an immediate recall in the stand-off half, has been left out side to play R. V. Stander's EV of the Northampton side for their at Iffice Road today.

He takes over from a Ghanglan ruday—a week after playing for Coxfordshire in the county chamching the side beaten. By the standard of the side beaten. Oxfordshire to the county championship. Robert Lestie, Chairman of selectors, said: "This has got nothing to do with Ian playing for the county rather than his club. We just felt we could not make changes after our win over Coventry."

Chris Mackaness retains the stand-off position as Northampron pursue their sixth successive win. Peter Johnson, the hooker, has recovered from a rib cartilage injury which kept him out of the Coventry game and replaces Robbie George.

Roy Hoolaban, Oxford University's right winger, has recovered

change in the side beaten by Blackheam, but there is a sight doubt about Giles White, a South African flank forward, who has an ankle injury. He is to have a firness test this morning, As Apprecaution Alistair Morrison stands by.

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Northampton have bright
Franklin's Gardens, their hand;
quarters for the past 90 years.

Northampton, who celebrate first
centerary in the 1979-80 season,
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£30,000, for the purchase of the
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#### Gifford and Forster should extend their winning runs

Asm this afternool Josh Geford is threing out winners the clockwork at present. Three india: Weely scorers for Finden integral Weely scorers for Finden in George Stoane's talented young prospect; Tiepolino, in the Rich-mond Nevices Steeplechase and Royal Judgment and Legal Branch, who can explure both divisions of the Vauxhall Novices

drissons.

Hardie.

Time Forster's team are also in fine lettle. The Wantage trainer can take the Course Rake Handiga Steeplechase at Kempton with Hamswell and Straiford's feature event, the Hawke's Bay Trophy. Depolino was an outstanding four-year-old hurdler two seasons ago. Like his contemporary and gent rival, Haveaus, Tiepočino was then gelded. Both borses ran below par the following year. But jest week Havanus came back to his best when beating Lime shooter over fences at Newbury. The afternoon before at Folkesions Tiepolino had marked himself as a partial future winner.

some Trepolino nan marken com-sel as a certain future winner then chasing home Trustful. That moment seems to have arrived Of his rivals the Queen Mother's Besert Wind gained a clever vic-tics over Church Belle at Ling-field. David Nicholson's Sunrise

field. David Nicholson's Sunrise Hill elso jumped soundly when it asking Fox Run at Wolver-bampion. King Commander and jackadandy have both shown affility over hundles and should do well in their new role. Heldelberg, 30 lengths behind frustful at Folkestone, was running on at the finish, but has a great deal to find to beat Gifford's five-year-old who must be the selection. be the selection.

Eamswell has only two opponents, Brown Admiral and King Sizw, in the Cottage Rake Steeplechase.

Brown Admiral ran disappointingly behind Bachelor's Hall in the Mackeson Gold Cup, but has an easier task today. King Sizw also possesses plenty of ability. Last season he was a comfortable winner of bandicaps at Flumpton and Kempton. On his reappearance he was beaten five lengths by New Formula at Windsor.

Windsor...
But, Hamswell is a horse of great notential. Only slovenly jumping has so far prevented him from realizing it. After winning at Worcester and Wincanton last

three times in useful company. First time out this season the eight-year-old finished full of running when chasing home Stone Thrower at Windsor. With the benefit he is sure to have derived from that race, Hamswell should give the weight away today.

Another eight-year-old who may take high rank is Master H, who can defy too weight in the Game Cock Handicap Steeplechase. Last February Master H and his jockey John Weston's finest hour came when they beat Broncho II and Reoritary Master H and his jockey John Weston's finest hour came when they beat Broncho H and Bula at Sandown, Michael Oliver's gelding was attempting the impossible at Chepstow when trying to give Tree Tangle 12 bb, Master H is being trained for the more important handicaps later on, but should have little difficulty in accompanies for his two moderates. important nanoucaps later on, but should have little difficulty in accounting for his two moderate rivals today.

In the London offices yesterday all the money for Saturday's Black and White Whisky Hurdle was for Derek Kent's Newbury winner, Dyscole, who was backed down from 12-1 to 7-1 with Hills. This is a significant move as the Chichester trainer has elected to run Narribinni. so impressive when scoring at Doncaster, at Warwick the same afternoon.

Bunker Hill remains favourite at 5-4 for the Black and White Whisky Gold Cup with the same firm. Crofton Hall is now a certain runner as John O'Neill has elected to travel south to ride at Ascot. Tony Dickinson will not decide until tomorrow whether to take on two such experienced horses with his quick jumping but inexperienced nowice, True Wish.

Kilbroney the conqueror of The Bealer at Ascot her headen invited.

Kilbroney the conqueror of The Dealer at Ascot has been invited to join Sea Pigeon as England's second representative in the Colonial Cop at Camden on Saturday week.
The Tote are certainly not lack

The Tote are certainly not lacking in new ideas at present. At Newbury on Hennessy Gold Cup day they are introducing a new pool which will be called the "place pot". Backers will be required to nominate a horse to be placed in each of the five jackpot races for a minimum stake of 50p. The pool will be run on the same lines as the jackpot and single line entries or permutations. single line entries or permutations will be accepted. In races where no place dividend is declared backers will have to nominate the

op and one of Tommy Gosling's most promising three-year-olds, has been put down. Gosling said seterday: "Bona-Mia fractured a pastern in his off-hind while in

Kempton Park programme

4 2.30 HOUNSLOW HURDLE (Handicap : £638 : 3m)

Stratford programme

ies 10 VAUXHALL HURDLE (Div I: 4y-o novices: £510: 21m

7 03-4220 David Tudor, D. Ringer, 10-9 S. McNelli 7 10 00430-0 Happy Trie, D. Morley, 10-9 S. McNelli 7 10 00430-0 Happy Trie, D. Morley, 10-9 S. Davies 11 0 Rhytim of Life, D. Gandoifo, 10-9 R. Dickin 12 popc-20 Sadei, T. Nicholas, 10-9 R. Champion R. Champion A. Nauves, 10-9 Mr P. O'Comnor Ac Royal Jituor, 10-1 Happy Trie, 6-1 Palakan, 8-1 Barline, 10-1 David Tudor, 16-1 others.

20 COTTAGE RAKE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £834: 21m

201 122-2 Hamswell, T. Forster 8-12-0 J. King 203 122-2 Brown Admirst, F. Rimell, 8-11-7 J. Burke 208 11p-2 King Shaw (C.O.), P. Cundell, 6-10-0 M. O'Halloran 5-4 Hamswell, 2-1 King Shaw, 6-2 Brown Admiral.

402 002-221 Zellaman (C) F. Walwyn, 8-11-10 W. Smith 402 002-221 Zellaman (C) F. Walwyn, 8-11-10 W. Smith 405 00-3142 Jan Stewer (D), J. Gifford 7-11-8 R. Rows 7 405 2-3 Easy Commission, D. Marley, 6-11-1 B. Davies 409 00-2301 Light Infantry (D), D. Barons, 5-10-2 P. Legach 412 4-2003 Red Amblos, A. Davison, 5-10-0 E. Knows 7 412 4-2003 Red Amblos, A. Davison, 5-10-0 E. Knows 7 2 5 Sersy of Cold. J. Evant. 5-10-0 P. Barlon, 5-10-0 C. Sersy of Cold. J. Sersy Commission, 7-2 Jan Stewer, 5-1 Light Infantry, 10-1 Red Amblos, 20-1 Bishopp Crock, Spray of Gold.

: 12.45 SOUTHERN CROSS HURDLE (Div I : Part I : 3-y-o novices :

130 GAMECOCK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £763: 3m) 

Bona-Mia is put down tion engineer, John Devaney, and last year, winning three races. This year he was only unercowly beaten out of a place in the English and Irish 2,000 Guineas.



All over in the Flyover: The Dealer wins Kempton's Novices' Steeplechase by a mile.

## Sky is the limit for The Dealer

The Dealer looked every inch a Cheltenham Gold Cup winner when scoring a bloodless victory when scoring a bloodless victory at Kempton yesterday. The race was spoilt as a spectacle when Trustful crashed to the ground at the third fence from home. But we had already seen enough to confirm The Dealer's status.

Fred Winter said that the Embassy Premier final at Haydock Park at the end of January would be The Dealer's main objective for the first half of the season, but that the seven year-old would of course have some intermedi-

to watch. Trustful is a natural jumper who flies his fences and is into his stride like lightning. The Dealer, on the other hand, The Dealer, on the offier hand, is much more deliberate. But he is quick enough and puts himself right when he is meeting a fence wrong. And these are the horses that eventually reach the top.

Despite Trustful's brilliant fencing, John Francome had no difficulty in tracking the leader as the pair went clear on the final circuit. At the last onen dirch.

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**Kempton Park selections** 

3.30 VAUXHALL HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o novices: £519: 21m

Hot Cross Bun, M. E. Francis, 11-5

Hot Cross Bun, M. Coswell, 11-0

Hotoch F. Winter 11-0

Arcic Bunny, P. M. Taylor, 10-9

Beau Wonder, E. Beeson, 10-9

Golden Breszo, R. Ledger, 10-9

Mey Ruben, P. Taylor, 10-9

Ingress, D. Gandolfo, 10-9

Legal Branch, Ph. G. Grifford, 10-9

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Oedipus, D. Morley, 10-9

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Princely, 5-2 Live Spark, 6-1 Hot Cross Bun, 8-1 etti, 12-1 March Morning, 20-1 others.

By Our Racing Staff
1.0 Royal Judgment. 1.30 Master H. 2.0 HAMSWELL is specially recommended. 2.30 Light Infantry. 3.0 Tiepelino. 3.30 Legal Branch.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.0 David Tudor, 2.30 Easy Commission, 3.0 Murray Flash, 3.30 March Morning.

2.45 HAWKES BAY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £820: 31m)

3.45 SOUTHERN CROSS HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o novices: £456:

By Our Racing Staff 12.45 Mount Pelle. 1.15 Officially. 1.45 Clifton Fair, 2.15 Subaltern. 2.45 TOY FLAG is specially recommended. 3.15 Montage. 3.45 Kanstyle. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.15 Merchant Tubbs, 2.15 Score. 3.45 Kanstyle.

3.15 WARRNAMBOOL HURDLE (Handicap: £556: 2m)

G Enright
M. Banhame 7
J Francoine
A. Carroli
R. Goldstein 7
Mrs N. Ledger 7
D. Sundorland
P. Barton
H. Casroli
R. Goldstein
R. Sundorland
R. Gamplon
Lox 7
J. King
B. Davies
B. Ingress. 10-1

P. Stori 5
S. Davies 7
H. Evans
Mr M. Rooves
M. Wullams
R. Kington
D. Evans

F. Brennen
M. Barrett
K. Mooney
B. McGarrigle 7
J. Rowe
F. Marris 7
G. Poulson 7
J. Akenhurst 7
A. O'Hagan 7

by the 20-year-old Michael Leak, who served his time with Wardie's former employer. Tom Jones. Stephen Smith-Eccles had the mount on Jimmy Miff, whose task was eased when Coolishall came to grief at the eleventh fence. Jimmy Miff was certainly a bargain buy for Wardie's brother-in-law, Gerald Tanner. The trainer offered Jimmy Miff to every owner in his yard two seasons ago, but, finding no taker's, persuaded Mr Tanner to buy him. The same afternoon the new owner nearly recouped the gelding's purchase price when Jimmy Miff beat Kas by a short head at Wolverhampton. tage. But rounding the bend into the straight. The Dealer closed the gap effortlessly, and had his race won when Trustful fell.

Trustful is sure to win more races, but The Dealer is in a different class. A rangy gelding, by the Goodwood Cup winner, Raise You Ten, The Dealer is a releniless galloper and stayer. And when you consider the speed he showed to beat French Hollow at Ascot last season, the sky must be the limit for The Dealer, who is owned in partnership by Hugh Ross and Mrs Derek Hague.

Winter and Francome completed their anticipated double when Raticonrath completely outpointed Silversmith and Fahrman in the Sprig Hurdle. The Berkshire Hurdle at Newburv next weekend is the five-year-old's next target, but the Lambourn trainer is convinced that Rathconrath is championship material.

"Rathconrath made up his ground far too quickly after being left at the start in the Triumph Hurdle", the trainer said. "I'm sure that he is much better than that result shows him to be."

Another trainer to saddle two winners was Ian Wardle when Soon For Sale took the Uxbridge Handicap Hurdle and Jimmy Miff the Wimbledon Bandicap Steeplechase. Soou For Sale was ridden Wolverhampton.

Incidentally, Tom Jones confirmed yesterday that Swift Shadow was now almost certain to tackle Night Nurse and Bird's Nest in the "Fighting Fifth" Hurdle at Newcastle on Saturday, leaving John Cherry to take on Dramatist in the Kirk and Kirk Hurdle at Accord tomography. Dramatist in the Kirk and Kirk Hurdle at Ascot tomorrow.

The other trainers to saddle winners at Kempton were David Gandolfo when Master Upham's half-sister, Saucy Upham, made every yard of the running in the November Handicap Hurdle, and Charlie James, whose Ginnie's Boy landed the gamble of the afternoon in the St Margaret's Novices' Selling Hurdle.

Kempton Park result 1.00 (1.03) UXERIDGE OPPORTUNITY STREPLECHASE (Handicap. 2500. 210. t. h. by Sheshoon—Lovo for Sale (A. Applesard). 5-10-11. ... M. Leek 19-21 7 Harry Hotspar N. Holman 19-21 2 Societ .... E. Walte 19-2 3

55-1 Big Boss (I), 9 ran.
TUTE: Wh. 46p; places, 20p, 11p,
41p; dual forcast, 75p, I. Wardle, at
Wells. 201, 41. Boss fell, was
ramounted, but foll again. ramounted, but 101 again.

1.50 (1.32, ST MARGARET'S HURDLE (Norices: £471; 2m)
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2.30 [2.34] FLYOVER STEEPLECHASE (Novices: 2716: 21st 1909)
The Dealer, b g, by Raise You Ten ——Cream Jug R Ross 15 [25] 1
Glanfield R. Rowell (50-1) 2
Gunfield R. Rowell (50-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 Trustful (f), 10-1
Winter Fight, 50-1 Cale Forcast (4th, De Bergerac, Northumberland, Bergin (g), 9 rin, TOTE: Win, 15p; nlaces, 11p, 25.06, 25p; dual Forcast (10.45) F, wintee, at Lambourn, Distance, 51. 3.0 (2.03) WIMBLEDON STEEPLE-CHASE Handicap: C823: 3ml
Jimmy Miff. br g. by Nos Royalistes
Lark-About (G. Tanner),
S. Smith-Eccles (11.8 fav) 1
Sattle Hymn . R. (Thampian R-1: 2
Woodham . C, Candy (25-1: 3
ALSO RAN: 6-4 Coglishall (f. 10-1
March Rile (4th), 5 ran.
TOTS: Win 16s. dual (corrects) 22b. TOTE: Win, 16p: dual forecast, 92p. I. Wardle, at Wells, 15t, 25t.

3.50 (3.71) SPRIG HURDLE (4-y-o: E758; 2m) br. c. by Wolver Hollow-Kessels (Mrs M. Velen-their) 1110 Francome (1-4 (av) 7 Siversmith S. Smith-Eccles (5-1) 2 Fairman R. Alkins (8-1) 3 Ten. TOTE: Win; 11p; dual forecast, 16p. F. Winter, at Lambourn. 71, sht hd. TOTE DOUBLE: Seucy Upham and Jimmy Miff. £14.45. TREBLE: Gimnle's Boy. The Dealer and Raikconrath, £5.90. JACKPOT, £106.30.

Support for Dyscole There has been significant support for Dyscole, Derek Kent's five-year-old, for the Black and White Whisky Handicap Hurdle at Ascot. on Saturday. Ladbrokes have laid the gelding, an easy winner at Newbury last time, to lose £12,000 and he is now 7-1. Hills have him at the same price from 12-1 and Corals also report backing from 10-1 to 7-1.

Indians beat both ALSO RAN: 8-1 Francochile. 12-1 Ormondo Tudor (4th). 15-1 Canon-ble Key. 50-1 Maringu. 7 ren. TOTE: Win, 449; places. 119, 20p; dual forecarl. 33p. W. A. Stophenson, at Bishop Auckland. 13, 41. country side

Sydney, Nov 16.—Water, gushing across the ground from a broken main, threatened to deny the Indian cricketers victory in their one-day match against a Southern New South Wales country XI at Griffith today. But, after an interruption, play was resumed and the Indians went on to win by seven wickets. They made 140 for three in reply to the country XI's 128 for seven. Surinder Amarath, with 58 not out, made the biggest contribution to the total with Visnot out, made the biggest contri-bution to the total with Vis-warah, who scored 40 in 50 minutes. Both the Indian openers failed, Chauhan making only 12 and Mokinder Amaruath 11. Lamont, an experienced left-hander, scored a laborious 39

#### Nicklaus in line for sixth Open victory

sydney, nov he.—Australian golfers are naturally keen to win the Australian Open golf championship which begins at the Kensington course here tomorrow. But the overseas conungent of 43 in the 132 professionals and amarine area super to be well to the the list professionals and analyteurs are sure to be well to the fore again this year.

Leading the chase for the first prize cheque of \$36,000 will be Jack Nicklaus, of the United States, who has won the Australian Open for the next page.

States, who has won the Australion Open for the past two years
and is attempting, his sixth win
in all. But there will be strong
competition from other top overseas players such as Hubert Green,
Jerry Pate, Bruce Lletzke, Andy
Bean, Miller Barber, Ray Floyd,
Arnold Palmer and Manuel Pinero.
Graham Massh, Austrilia's most Arnoid raimer and Manuel Pinero.
Graham Marsh, Australia's most prolific tournament winner on the international scene this year, says he feels he is in good form at the right time. But Marsh feels that Ian Stanley, Greg Norman, Bob Shearer, David Graham and several others could also give the incited that the property of the property risitors a run for their money

visitors a run for their money.

The biggest difficulties expected are gusty winds which frequently hit the Kensington course. The course has been redesigned to specifications laid down by Jack Nicklaus and shots from some of the five elevated tees are particularly tricky.—Agence France-Presse.

#### Miss Rankin keeps her place at top of list

New York, Nov 16.—Judy Ran-kin led the money-winners on the 1977 Ladies Professional Golfers' Association tour with 122,890 dollars, final statistics showed today. Miss Rankin also led last year with 150,734 dollars. Deborah Massey set a record for a player in her first year with 46,962 dollars. Last week's Far East open tournament in Singa-pore, won by Silvia Bertolaccini, was the final tournament of the year.

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#### Rackets

#### Harrow through without yielding game

By Our Rackets Correspondent The holders, Harrow, reached the semi-final of the Noel Bruce the semi-final of the Noel Bruce-Cup for rackets at the expense of Rugby at Queen's Clinb yester-day. Charles Hue Williams and John Prenn dealt severely with Geoffrey Atkins and Frederick Satow to win by 15—10, 15—7. 15—4, 15—6 and are the only semaining pair who have yet to 15—4, 15—6 and are the only remaining pair who have yet to yield a game. On Saturday they will meet Eton's second pair while in the other semi-final Eton's first pair play Winchester.

Two matches went to six games though neither looked like turning against the eventual winners. The Winchester pair, Howard Angus and Robert Sutton, heat Malvern's David Jenkins and Mark Nicholis by 15—10, 15—3, 1—15, 15—10, 5—15, 15—8. Malvern, well though they played at times, never quite came to grips with their rivals.

This contest was decided by the relative form of the second strings, a much improved Sutton and an erratic but sometimes spectacular Nicholls, the leading Cambridge Unvy player. Some of Nicholls's forehand hitting and volleying were as fierce as that of William Boone or Prenn and he had two fine bouts of serving in the fifth game in which his forehand was at its best. But his gave overall was untrustworthy.

Sutton was steadier in all de-

#### Cricket

# and flood threat

Hockey

#### Young players shine in Midlands team

Midlands XI 3

Oxford U I The divisional hockey tournament is a long way off; but by the time this event is held next April the Midlands should have a powerful side. They put together a shrewd blend of experience and promise for their annual match against Oxford University at Bournville yesterday. In this their first appearance of the season the Midlands made

two successful experiments. Lee.

of the season the Midlands made two successful experiments. Lee, aged 17, who was selected in place of the injured Mallett, distinguished himself at right half. Wright, another member of their under-21 squad, was tiven his chance at left back and he, too, had a splendid game.

The score somewhat flattered the Midlands who led 3—0 until the last minute of a game irequently interrupted by over-zealous umplining. The high geared Oxford side suffered the more by the rigid application of the law in circumstances when the use of the advantage rule would have allowed the game to flow. Westcott, with his fine stickwork and acceleration, set the Midlands defence many taxing problems.

Mark Watson struck the short corners for the Midlands. His brother, John, who plays for Wiltshire and the West did so for Oxford, tehough less effectively. He did have the satisfaction of driving the ball once into the net but the shot which raised the ball above the conventional knee

height was disallowed. So Oxford went into the interval a goal down, Booth having given Mid-lands the lead in the second minute after a smooth run on the left. They might have had a second goal soon afterwards if Disbury had not stumbled in front

of the forsaken goalkeeper.

Owen, in the Midlands goal, prevented Oxford from scoring during a fierce scramble in front of goal early in the second half. Then the experience of the Midlands side began to tell and Mark Watson increased their lead from a short corner. A third goal by Allen from open play made Oxford regret the number of short corners they had falled to convert, but in the end Westcott's perseverance earned them a penalty stroke which he converted himself.

South-east Asia Games

#### Strong Malaysian party spearheaded in javelin

Kuala Lumpur. Nov 16.—Top athletes from seven nations will gather here this week for the start of the revamped South-east Asian (SEA) games on Saturday. The event has been renamed. Although Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam are absent for the second successive time, the games have been expanded to include Indonesia, the Philippines and the Sultanate of Brunei. It used to be called the South-east Asia Peminsular Games (SEAP).

Some 2,000 competitors will be chasing 188 gold medals, about 40 per cent of them in the two major events, athletics and swimming. Malaysia have the largest contingent, 496, Thalland will field 395 competitors. Indonesia mount in provide strong opposition. Nashatar Singh field 395 competitors. Indonesia appear to have the top men sprinters in Anat Ratana-

**Badminton** 

#### 'Selectors making life difficult' Mrs Gilks says

Gillian Gilks yesterday, accused England's badminton authorities of victimisation. The former All-England and national champion said: "They are infringing my right to play badminton. The selectors seem to have taken my decision not to represent England in internationals as an afront and fininternationals as an afront and fininternationals. England and habonal champion said: "They are infringing my right to play badminton. The selectors seem to have taken my decision not to represent England in internationals as an afront and are doing everything possible to make life difficult for me."

The controversy has arisen over Mrs Gilks's entry for this weekend's Northern championships at Birkenhead. She said she originally entered the singles and mixed doubles, with the England international, Elliot Stuart, "But once the selectors heard of this they promptly nominated Stuart to play with another partner. Therefore the tournament's organisers had to refuse my entry. I then contacted my solicitors and was re-admitted to the mixed event with Stuart as my partner.

"Since I dropped out of the Uber Cup squad I have purposely avoided any confrontations with the selectors by not playing in any women's double events, although I have had offers from several top women players to do so.

tary of the Badminton Association, commented: "The solicitor's letter had no bearing on our decision to let Mrs Gilks play with Stuart. In fact he changed his mind and decided to play with Mrs Gilks after all. Mrs Gilks is naturally anxious to find partners of her own choice but the selectors are just as anxious to findnew international pairings. Changes are necessary, especially as top players like Mrs Gilks are no longer available."

Mrs Gilks has also been refused permission to play in four over-Mrs Gilks has also been refused permission to play in four overseas tournaments following a rule change which sates that all players must gain the Association's permission before travelling abroad. Margaret Lockwood, the joint England number one, appears unlikely to play at all this season because of a recurring leg injury. It means that England's two best players will be missing from the Uber Cup.

#### Flyer struggling to keep in touch with leaders

Flyer, a Dutch yacht, is having trouble keeping up with the leaders in the round the world race in spite of her lengthy overall lead in the first leg of the race from Portsmouth to Cape race headquarters at Portsmouth, but they we also favouring Flyer's race from Portsmouth to Cape
Town. The 65ft ketch, specially
built for the race, is now lying
fourth behind Kings Legend and
Adventure, of Britain, and Treaty
of Rome.

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built for the race, is now lying
fourth behind Kings Legend and
Adventure, of Britain, and Treaty
of Rome.

The crew—which includes a
Frenchman, a New Zealander,
several Britons and two Americans—are hoping that the gales
of the first half of the leg from
Cape Town to Auckland will abate

THE HAGUE: Men's compulsory figures: 1. D. Santee 'US1. 7. placemants. 32.24 plst. 3. F. Isarash (Japan). 14. 50.92. J. H. Kristoffes-Binder 'Austria'. 24. 29. 941. 4. R. Furrer 'Isseiperland'. 54. 28.94. 5. D. Beland (Canada). 57. 28.94. Brittel (France). 70. 28.95. Brittel placing: A. Beshrick, 70. 25.68.

SANTIAGO: First round. G. Mayer beat G. Goven, 6—1, 6—3; A. Belal court beat Z. Guerry, 6—2, 6—2, 6—5; Y. Pecci beat J. Soler, 4—6, 6—6, 6—6 L. Alvarez beat B. Manson, 6—7, 6—2, 6—3; J. Fillol beat H. Bunis. 6—3. placing: A. Beştwick, 76, 25.68.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Islanders 1, Chicago Black Hawks 1: St. Louis Blies 2. Washinston Capillais 2: Vancouver Canucks S. Clevoland Sarons 1. ASSOCIATION: New England Washers 6. Indianapolis Racors 4: Quebec Nordiques 7, Winnipeg Jets 6. [Australia], 6—1, 6—2, 6—3. [Australia] [A

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ALSO: 2-1 jt fav Stanway Ltd (4th). 53-1 Filmermere, I'm Smart (ut. 6 ran. TOTE: Win. 33p; places, 45p. 38p; dual forecast, 60p. W. Jenks. at Brids-north, 61. 1-1. 

Sedgefield 12.45 (12.46) CONREORTH MURDLE (Div 1: \$272: 2m)
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Mr T. Tale (14-1) 1 Royal Navy, Mr J. H. Johnson (5-4, 1) fav) 2

TOTE: Win, £1.54; piaces, \$4p, 18q, 25p; dua! forecast, £5.51, £; S. Wright, 3t Bromyard, Nr, 11-1, Clacco-tel timp. Next Tomorrow did not run. TOTE DOUBLE: Sandy Hill, Ross Royal, £135.50. TREBUE: Mr Snowman. Co-Partner, Fragonard, £5.00. TOTE: Win, 76p: places, 22p, 20p, 11p; dual forecast, 57p. W. Wright, at Biackpool. 1-1, 31. Presignoff Star and Warrenwood Park did not run. Harry's Fizzale finished first and Biakawia second After an objection the places were reversed. There was no bid for the winner. 1.45 (1.36) STILLINGTON MURDLE (Handicap: £499; 2m)
Fether Bolancy, b h. Torbrouk—
Groot Legs (H. Johnson: 5-11-1
Rogal Bird, ..., T. Androws (5-1) 2
Le Baugrier G. Wilkims (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Yes Yes Yes (5): 35-1 Yagoda (44h): 5 ran,
10TE: Win, 129; dual (orecast, 18p.
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MacAndrew). 3. 1. 0 Noll! (5-2) 1
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Marcus Lady ... R. Lamb (12-1) 3

at Bishop Auckland. '51, 41.

3.15 (3.16: Minninge Steepla-Chase (2534: 2m)

Brother Will, br g, by Will Somers
—Sindy's Sister 'F. Scotio'.

5.11-2 ... O. Faulkner (11-2 ?

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Prairis Master M. Brisbourne (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Another Moriey
(11. S. 1 Kovin's Süpper (4h): 8-1

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(p): 35-1 Burgiavalls (p): 8 ran.

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Stophenson. at Bishop Auckland. 21,
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Boroughbridge. 81, 31. 2.45 (2.47) KSILOE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 2809: 3m 250yd) Cumbris, b g. by Rabule—Trixies Check (Mrs H. Whits), 7-11-2 G. Faulkiner (15-8 fay) 7 Scorton Boy ... A Dickman (2-1) 2 Tartas Tutor .. M. Lowry (9-2) 3

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3.45 (3.46) CORNFORTH HURDLE
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6-11-12 . Mr P. Cragor (11-2) ?
Plrate Glan Mr B. Crawford (10-1) ?
Maitese Lace Mr C. Cundall (9-2) 3
Also RAN; 5-2 fav Royal Gah
(#th). 7-1 Limpopo. 10-1 Yillase
Dusky, Oranton. 16-1 Frankly Yes.
Disky, Oranton. 16-1 Frankly Yes.
To Bella Pacqua (p). Coley Lane.
Diddy David, Floctona. Highiand
Player. Policy Lad, Powers. 15 ran.
TOTE: Wh. 31p; places. 33b. 13e,
50p; dual farecast. \$15.01. W.
Whatron, at McLion Mowbray. 61. 4.
TOTE DOUBLE: Faher Dolang,
Chmbrig. 17.30. TREBLE: Blakwem,
Blabbermouth. Brether Will, £30.

and sent the Pioneer Column into Mashonaland, the essential

features have remained the same. The whites established

themselves on the plateau by

shuffling buge territories by "right" of conquest, shoving one another and ancient black

societies out of the way, wil-fully taking cattle and land.

Glamour, arrogance, idealism, trickery, mis-government and

injustice were in it from the start. The military suppression of the Ndebele and the Shona

tribes was so overwhelming,

## An unknown country

A History of Rhodesia By Robert Blake (Evre Methuen, £12.50)

Rhodesia from rire end of the rebellions to the beginning of was the brilliant late Victorian federaton", declares Robert eccentric, Harry Johnston of Blake at the start of his new Nyasaland, nor the clever Godthis is largely because much of it is not very interest-

Yes, indeed and since the period in question-1897 to 1953 takes up more than half of Rhodesia's story and up to one-third of A History of Rhodesia, sketches that is a brave thing to say, but there is nothing in this scru-pulously professional account of the land between the Limpopo and the Zambesi, between the Kalahari and Mozambique. once described as among the most beautiful in the world, to make the reader disagree. Lord Blake's title is plain enough, but should have been even more for this is, specifically, a political and constitutional hishigh, the risks so awful, some tory of Rhodesia, which lightens of the people so talemed—so our ignorance in those fields, why is Rhodesia, as an historibut does not increase our under cal phenomenon of the past 90 political and constitutional his-

**Fiction** 

Sunset at Blandings

By P. G. Wodehouse (Chatto & Windus, £3.95)

On any day during the last

week, your reviewer could have been discovered, the volume under appraisal drooping from a limp and nerveless hand, staring dully ahead, the eyes glazed, the brow sicklied o'er with the pale case of though

with the pale cast of thought and murmuring "Here's a

and murmuring "Here's a sorry state of things", and "That it should come to this".

my piece on the last Jeeves

opus wil) know, I yield to no one in my devotion to P. G.

Wodehouse—though not, it is true, to the entire canon, since

I can't be doing with the Oldest Member. When I am not a

Jeeves person, I am a Blandings person. Those nine novels have

seen me through thick and thin. When all else has failed, on

interminable train journeys, in unrequited love, influenza and

soothed and diverted by the

By George MacDonald Fraser (Barrie & Jenkins, £4.50.)

But Answer Came There None

arcurate, astute capital fun und he air't sentimental. In

with astonishing stamina and wit by George MacDonald

Fraser and anyone like me who has not kept up with this master humorist should start

Flashman's Lady, he proses Mr brilliantly on Britain and the and East, mostly Madagascur, of mak 1942-45: he is impersonated dom

Flashman's Lady

Ruffo in Calabria By Peter Nichols (Constable, £4.50.)

By Yvoune Mitchell (Constable, £3.75)

A Superstitious Age By Rosalind Brackenbury (Harvester Press, £4.95)

Now as those of you who read

"If the outside world has taken Rhodes, Dr Jameson, Roy little interest in the history of Welensky or Ian Smith, in themselves they are not dull. Neither frey Huggins, later Lord Mal-vern, nor Garlield Todd, the "liberal" Prime Minister (all political labels must be handled

with care in Africa) and of all of these and more Blake scatters lively character-sketches throughout the book. Yet except for Rhodes, Jamesen Smith and perhaps (in a gentler age) Huggins, none of these interesting individuals directly controlled the course and quality at history itself.

With a few notable excep-tions, South Africa, too, has lacked major personalities in Government, yet there is noth-ing doll about the history of South Africa—the stakes are so but does not increase our understanding much beyond them. A pity, because our of that same ignorance and indifference of the same inmigrants were so? That history may arise chiefly from

about Galanad Infeepwood's story of Sir Gregory Parsloe and the prawns, followed the fortunes of young hearts sun-dered in springtime and men

with false beards and names infiltrated into the castle.

The place itself, its parks, gardens and messuages, I know

from caviare to outs, the nooks of Beach's pantry, the cramies

of the Empress's sty. Blandings is "as near resembling an enchanted fairyland as dam-mit"—which is how Gelahad

unexpectedly describes it in this book. Which brings me back to what the village con-stable would call "the point a

tissue". This book. You might think that we devotees

bleatings of Clarence, ninth a very old man. Evelyn Waugh, Earl of Emsworth, speculated a shrewder critic of Wode-about Galahad Threepwood's house than anyone, said: "One story of Sir Gregory Parsloe has to regard a man as a

funny.

have grown the events of the Southern Rhodesia (which is its repetitiveness and in in 1965. The main narrative last 25 years and today.

There is a mystery here, cerned with) was once cruelly when Rhodes, high on the most usefully brings the story Whatever you think of Cecil but unforgettably described as white suprematism of Ruskin's through Tiger and Fearless to cerned with) was once cruelly when Rhodes, high on the bur unforgenably described as "The Sergeants' Mess" (Kenya being for the Officers)? The North of Mafeking we have so little information and sent the Pioneer Column

tion about them. I should like to know exactly where in Britain they came from, and how many went back. How valid is the claim that they had, and still have, nowhere else to go? Many only went out in the 1950s and Blake. like many outside commen-tators, is sceptical on their homelessness. No imaginative writer has spoken for, or even against, them (contrast again South Africa's comparative riches). It may be that there is nothing to say, but I find that hard to believe, and now that their fate is, for the first time, in the hands of the un-caring wide world, that long silence becomes desperate and sad. Apart from a few urbane High Table remarks about their passion for sport and poor food, it is not broken here. We

Master who can produce on average three uniquely brilkant and entirely original similes to each page."

But that was in the earlier

books, Summer Lightning, say,

or Full Moon, or even, bring-

ing us into the 1960s, Service

with a Smile, to take only

Blandings titles. He was a

Master of the language, he

created an idyllic world, the

perfect English pastoral, he

was the cleverest plotter in the business and side-splittingly

Blake says, that their descendents have cowered under the memory ever since. Lord Blake discerns five turning-points in the history of Southern Rhodesia: the European occupation; the rule of the Chartered Company and its replacement, in 1923, by Responsible Government, chosen by referendum in preference to learn even less, of course, about the blacks. by referendum in preference to union with South Africa (much courted by Smuts); the estab-lishment of the Central African Pederation in 1953; its dismem-berment 10 years later; UDI

Michael Ratcliffe

through Tiger and Fearless to Kissinger, Dr Owen and as far as June this year a remarkable achievement in a book of this weight. The true history of the past 12 years may, as Blake observes, never be written at all. There are too many people of all persuasions com-mitted to not telling the whole truth.

A History of Rhodesia does that, as far as it goes: as a dispassionate account it will be invaluable. Moreover, Lord Blake writes with a dry wit and some feeling, and has a keen mind for ironies, in which the Rhodesian story is unusually rich. It is Todd, not a white rich. It is Todd, not a white Rhodesian racist, who enter-tains Blake in the night beauty of his garden at Dadaya and asks: why should we ever have to leave? It is the reforming Edgar Whitehead, not Smith, who sets up the machinery of the police state available for those who wish to use it today. those who wish to use it today, and it is most remarkable of all, perhaps, to read a book at present in which Harold Wilson emerges as a figure of compassion, dignity, and tireless good will.



Market Blandings station, alias Buildwas

None of which is evident

might think that we devotees would be undistriminating enough to lap up eagerly any last little crumb the Master let fall. You would be wrong. We have our pride, and Wodenuse. He would never let fall. You would be wrong. We have our pride, and Wodenuse. He would never out, internal and external, and draft to see the light of day in good. Not, that is, as presented here in its rough, incomplete state. Whether it would, at some distant date, have become any good, if he'd lived to finish and polish it, I'm uncertain. I suspect not. Wodehouse was allort, conscientious, hardworking to the last, but he was with maps and plans, of Blandwould have done with various would have done with various

ings, its architecture, and lay-out, internal and external, and explanatory footnotes about the a diverting piece of detective old Pelican Club or Whiffle on the Care of the Pig is great fun to do oneself on a wet after-noon, redious to read. I could run through the plot for you, but take my word, there'd be no point, it wouldn't whet your appetite, Much better re-read all the earlier, com-pleted masterpieces. And re-read, and re-read

recreate rejected home love? A beautifully made, challenging modern parable.

Grass Roots, by Joe Ashton (Quartet, £4.50) is the clearest guide to British party politics since Phineas Finn. It is robust

Susan Hill

struggles "wease

Elspeth, Flashy's wife, has Calabria. Mr Nichols (The is alert to diplomatic niceties ecome delightful counteract. Times's man in Italy) has a and on an imaginary trip to become delightful, counteract-ing much of her beloved fine description in his book of Harry's gory anti-heroism with a hawk using its wings for a zeal for life that includes balance while nicitarium. Harry's gory anti-heroism with a real for life that includes loyalty to his every shift in the wrong direction; she jots down her own account of their adventures and, though helpless at spelling say, complection, she is not the fool she tries to look; lacking an education at Rugby where, as Flashy says, to survive physically one becomes a moral wreck, she insists that middle class nursery morality rules and in the middle of massacres and odiousness she declares, "It ought not to be allowed". The fractions in the real and recommendation of the same of t

Harry Flashman and his wife ically one becomes a moral are triumphantly determined wreck, she insists that middle to be irresistible. Flashy conclass nursery morality rules are triumphantly determined wreck, she insists that middleto be irresistible. Flashy confesses he is a badmash, a
scoundrel—he bilks, funks,
runs for dear life, having been
the terror of Rugby in Tom
Brown's days—but as an
apparent adult he is frank, black queen forces Flashy to be The freshness is in the style. The freshness is in the style of his narrator, an intellectual teacher who serves as Ruffo's "conscience" and who is responsive to southern sensuousness. (I shall not forget his horseride on a "comforting, playful" road from Borgia.) Ruffo, though never a priest, becomes a cardinal through family influence, and when King Ferdinand flees to Palermo, Ruffo sets out to her paramour, but pragmatism is almost his invention. is almost his invention.

Mr Fraser's narrative drive
and critical affection for
makers and shakers of dominions are pleasures. The wiliness of force is one Palermo, Ruffo sets out to transform people's minds with of several themes in an exciting and thoughtful first novel

a punitive army of bandits, convicts, hooligans—anyone attracted by loot and sacking cities. But it is the gradual transformation of himself and by Peter Nichols, Ruffo in N. J. Crisp the narrator, as they progress through conflicting theories and the violent derangement they cause, that shapes this The successful author of numerous TV scripts —

Secret Army, Colditz, The

Brothers and many more ---

ingenious spy thriller, taut

and effective \_ captures the

reader's sympathy as well as

his attention' Times Literary
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here provides a compulsively

Heaven she refuses a ham sandwich because St Peter looks Jewish, But it is a bold, deeply felt exploration of the inner life of one old woman who, like a sparrow that visits

who, like a sparrow that visits there every afternoon, is undervalued.

She is in hospital, in pain, pushing away counterpains and pills with stupendous spirit as she lives concurrently in her past, mostly, and an her thoughts of Heaven and Hell.

In a final personal choice she is ince Phineas Pinn. It is robust reading, honest about prejudices and bitterness passed through generations; the hero, Michael Mullen, a steelworker Labour MP from morthern past, mostly, and in her thoughts of Heaven and Hell machinations, and savingles in weastly and presented the property of the property o In a final personal choice she puts herself in the place of her against political "weasel words" that disninish people and truth. When a Grituall own drowned child, a breath-taking and moving act that, like the novel, celebrates loving arms factory closes, ill-equipped for contemporary life or war but making 14,000 men and women redundant, he risks imagination. The human obligation: to

choose inspires Rosalind Brackenbury to write like an un-flappable angel. In A Supersti-tious Age the pages brood about frescoes of twigs on a Provençal wall, the silence and similight in an English provinsunlight in an English provin-cial kitchen, the complex gaps and precipices in a 15-year-old marriage as an English profes-sor of history is drawn into a trial separation from his wife and young son. He goes to France to tie up research for a book, is seduced by a girl stu-dent, and has strange insights into medieval hunts for scape-goats that connect with acci-dents to his mistress and child. There are no accidents, he There are no accidents, he begins to decide; morality, it seems to me, is not chosen by him but forced on him, but he Came There None, is also does choose to try to convert visionary, and well-lit with his sense of guilt into creative numour. Her central character self-knowledge. Can it also

almost everything instructively rather than romantically-for the people who are his steely roots. The Dark Pageant, by Edward Lucie-Smith (Blond & Briggs, £4.95). "If I had known", Shaw's chaplain says of the reality of St Joan's death, "I would have torn her from their hands." A similar thought made." their hands." A similar thought motivates the narrator in Mr Lucie-Smith's well-researched first novel on the researched first novel on the murderous sadism that one of Joan of Arc's comredes inarms, Gilles de Rais, carried out in peacetime against hundreds of boys. The narrator, a childhood friend of Gilles, is unaware, until towards the book's end, of the evil he assists; I find his story harrowing though restrained ing though restrained

Myrna Blumberg

reading Mr Parker-and they

do not, except by rather dis

# minister of monumental complacency. The poor, the landless and the Untouchables will commain trapped. Nothing is likely to break the shackles of the men who profess the past and the debilitating influences of Hinduism except to the state of the civilization, to what is expected of imperial the after the quality of a faith is not a constant, but depends on the quality of the men who profess the past and the debilitating in the religion of Vinoba Britain. European asset

The blight of caste

India: A Wounded Civilization further decay that, Mr Naipaul Bhave can only express the seems to suggest, will bring dust and defeat of the indian

dicates that the poor are no less caste-ridden than Brahmin

landowners. Even in such a

self-help community, a des-perate effort to break with the

poor still depend upon Un-touchables to shovel away their

orientated society which Gandhi tried but failed to

reform. Dharma, which Mr Nai-

paul regards the bane of In-dian life, still binds most Hindus to the past—even those

who have most to gain by

escaping it. Yet Mr Naipaul reminds us

that the key Hindu concept of dharma—the right way, the sanctioned way, which all men

must follow according to their natures—is an elastic concept.

At its problest it touches the

high ideals of other civiliza-

tions, and he, a writer, points

to Balzac and Proust as exam-

is creative or crippling according to the state of the civiliza-

Dharma, Mr Naipaul argues,

We are back in that shit-

past seems doomed to because the poorest of

night soil.

about a peasants' revolt Perhaps, but a visit Mr Nai-

village.

paul made to a squatters not only Untouchability and settlement outside Bombay in the consequent defication of dicates that the poor are no fikh; the blight is also the

The blight of

overall obedience it imposes,

its ready-made satisfactions,

the diminishing of adventurousness, the pushing away from men of individuality and the possibility of excellence.

Mr Naipaul, perhaps too

hurshly, blames Gandbi for India's failure to escape from its

post. Gandhi awakened India; but the India he awakened was

only the India of defeat, the holy land he needed after the

racial indignities he suffered

I turned with relief to Mr

Allen's scrapbook of British In.

of a family photo album and a Sears Roebuck mail catalogue

with evocative commentary. It provides a splendid nostalgia

trip, and for me an uncomfortable afterthought.

than one reference to Indians

as a conquered people, and I

found myself wondering if as a

conquered people they were happier under the British Raj. Not having any nostalgia for imperialism, I quickly rejected

the afterthought, but independ ent India could do with some of that old British optimism and self-confidence. For that

Mr Naipaul makes more

in South Africa.

By V. S. Naipaul (André Deutsch, £3.95)

(André Deutsch, £5.95)

Mr Naipaul's latest book-about the land of his fore-

fachers has offended many In-

dians, and I must admit that a

flams, and I must admit that a few passages reminded me of Katherine Mayo's offensive Mother India which I read as a young soldier when tem-porarily stationed in Poona. It

is a devastating book, but proof that a novelist of Mr

Naipaul's stature can often define problems quicker and more effectively than a team

of economists and other experts from the World Bank.

Not that Mr Naipaul is much concerned about industrializa-tion. He admits that India has done rather well in establish-

ing new industries, but the country is still in a mess. The promise of a national rebirth

laced by an octogenarian prime minister of monumental com-

which made independence day At it in Delhi so wonderful high has disappeared completely, and the ending of the Emerto Begency has hardly been a new ples.

Mrs Gandhi has been repis created the control of the contro

By Charles Allen

The riddle of the title Attlee at Number 10 will sym-(Aesop? Edward Lear?) remains unsolved until we come to pages 49-52. When addressing the United Nations the awful Mr Vyshinsky used to speak in the most beautiful and beguiling of Russian. Mr Hector McNeil, British Minister of State, was anxious to put his fellow delegates on their guard. Cecil Parrott, as a read Parrott, as a read Parrott. good Foreign Office adviser, fished out for McNeil one of Russia's very own fables, a story by Krylov about the serpent who was given the voice of a nightingale yet could not deceive the animals who still saw his venemous fangs. Un-happily Vyshinsky was able to produce another Krylov faber which demonstrated that, when it comes to venom, the ser-pent is outclassed by the slanderer. The round ended

with points to both sides.
Sir Cecil Parrott's second book of memoirs, which takes him from 1945 to 1977, from Prague as information officer to Moscow as minister and

Iverach McDonald

The Serpent and the Nightingale

By Cecil Parrott
(Faber, £7.50)

back to Prague again as the blundered almost slap into the arms of two high Soviet such minor diplomatic encounters. Some of us who had to call on the tacitum Mr buro sanatorium.

Among the stories and the pathize with Sir Cecil in his ordeal at a Moscow embassy travels are many serious and sensible comments on Khrushdinner. He had feverishly to keep a flow of interpretation chev's Russia; Sir William Hayter, ambassador at the going while Attlee engaged the hardly less tactium Malenkov in a long session of almost total silence. "I had to turn time, covered much the same ground in his A Double Life. deeply perceptive chapters on the Czechs and Slovaks whom he knew in the communist myself into a kind of question master in a BBC guessing game feature." Ernest Bevin of takeover of 1948, in the worst of the Stalinist oppression, and again before and immediately after the 1968 invasion. He learned to appreciate the Czechs not simply through personal through the control of the control course provokes several endearing memories. Bevin was uneasy after recognizing com-munist China. "I didn't ought never to have done it." He turned to the permanent head of the Foreign Office, later Lord Strang. "It was you, Willie, what put me up to it."

Sir Cecil gives excellent accounts of travel in Russia, including hard journeys to northern monesteries suffisonal meetings but through their history, their music, and their literature. A reader is left more keenly aware that one of the strongest strands in the stubborn and unshowy northern monesteries, suffi-ciently far off the touristic or diplomatic track to reveal the national self-consciousness. History has taught the Czechs to appalling medieval poverty in expect the worst; it has also the villages and on the farms. Siven them a determination to Nearer Moscow he seems to Sirvive. In his engaging book survive. In his engaging book Sir Cecil Parrott reminds us have wandered into strictly for-bidden areas. We accept his that the Czechs are a European plea of innocence even when asset.

#### Crime

By John Ralston Saul Gadget By Nicolas Freeling

(Heinemann, £4.50) suppose that nowadays we must accept fact increasingly sticking its ugly claws into fic tion, much though I myself wish it wouldn't, but it does it this week in two exciting novels. Saul's book plainly comes from a private obsession with the mysterious death in a plane crash in 1968 of General Alderet, Chief of the French

Afileret, Chief of the French General Staff. The true explanation, which might be only extraordinary human error, will in all probability never be known. But Saul unequivocally points the finger at a hidden, powerful faction in French political life, part of the time remains mamer and partly naming names and partly inventing. Nor is it always possible to tell which, particularly when there is a minor figure presented almost alternately as either one Bertiaud or one

Has he exposed a fearsome scandal? No. Since the book is fiction nothing he claims can be properly tested. Has he, however written a work of imagina-tion showing us a universal weakness in the human psyche? Yes, on the whole. But his theme is poisoned by the real facts that permeate it, and it is facts that permeate it, and it is also perhaps something more French than universal. The book is indeed very French, obscurely philosophical at times, perversely poetical at others and even on occasion reading as if translated (and not all that well, with "before" used for "in front of for instance). But it is exciting. You read on, held.

Freeling's fart is that con-temporary bugaboo, the security The Theta Syndrome, by Elic-of radioactive material. He ston Trevor (New English

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Jean Rhys

boasts that his book "is largely the work of a distinguished American physicist" and, by gum, there are pages of unintelligible figures and symbols to prove it. Yet he, too, has a theme worthy of any novelist's Morice (Macmillan, £3.25). A pen, man's foolishness, and lovely idea for your fictional brings it out through a then out through a thoroughly exciting story, though I must admit I found this often obscured by idiosyncracies of style. We have come a long way since the early Van der Valks.

Death of an Expert Witness, by P. D. James (Faber, £3.95). I could lay this down: but only to exclaim "Jesus, she writes well." Forensic lab mystery mar-vellously illuminates murder's devastation.

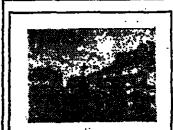
Dreamland, by George V. Hig-gins (Secker & Warburg, £3.90). Startling direction change for this higherto tougher-than-tough American. Rich, sad backward look into upper Bostonian, ambiguously murky past. Here's

Rekill, by Ian Kennedy Martin (Heinemann, £4.50). Ho, you intellectual snobs, don't shy away because he's the Sweeney creator. Set in America and Albania, here's a tense, crack-ling serious adventure novel. Honeybath's Haven, by Michael Innes (Gollancz, £3.95). "Honey-

bath squeezed past these sweating persons": perhaps that says it all. Urbane, mannerist, must pleasurable, with artforgery plot, retirement mansion Gently Instrumental, by Alan Hunter (Cassell, £3.75). Death at East Anglia music festival, studiously observed. Somewhat thick with culture but Superintendent Gently reaches for his metaphorical gun satisfactorily erough.

Promised Land, by Robert B. Parker (Deutsch, £3.50). Spenser, the thinking-man's private-eye (if that's not a contradiction in terms) rides again, in holiday Cape Cod, sorts out some trouble a marriage.

ability is what marks Trevor out, even in this hospital thriller with a touch of the ghosties set in Los Angeles.



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Radio: The Great Years By Derek Parker (David & Charles, £4.95)

The Great Years: the words inescapably suggest a lost-andgone-for-ever, a time which will not come again, and almost here. In so many respects, radio has gone down before television and I for one do not see how the present relative positions will be reversed. Nor, positions will be reversed; Nor, I suggest, does Derek Parker; in his book's last pages he writes sadly: "Talk to people in the street and one finds that very few of them are really aware of radio."

never have enough. There can

Quick guide

The Making of Henry VIII by Marie Louise Bruce (Collins,

remember the Great Years-I recall radio as inself immensely stimulating, demanding my amention and getting it with no reserve. I never knew I was having to make an effort of imagination and in fact I do not think I was. It is only since television gave us some-thing which demands virtually no effort at all that we have discovered that radio-at any rate creative radio: the plays, the surrealist comedies, the features—demands a fair amount. Typically we now believe that effort to be good Perhaps it is a matter of for us; but like so much that is stimulation, of which said to be good and known to apparently human beings can be effortful, we give it up if said to be good and known to be effortful, we give it up if possible. If radio was the wice, television is now the brandy of the damned. What will be the be no question at all that the television is now the brandy of small coloured screen gives the damned. What will be the more and larger doses of the meths? And what will stop us stuff than radio. Yet reading moving on to it?

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ably a book for those who

tant implication, figure in his text: in only 156 heavily illustrated pages there is of course an early limit to how deeply radio's history can be plumbed. Some characteristic patterns do none the less emerge: as one example, the all-too-familiar criescisms of the 1977 BBC on grounds of bias, superficiality or degrading the morets of the age have been directed at it more or less since 1922; they can therefore be expected to go on. But essentially this is little like a catalogue but leavened with some comment and analysis, to remind those or the baying tones of Flying Officer Kyte that, great or no, radio was certainly great fun. David Wade

by precenders to the throne, and relatives with as good a claim to it as his father. Plots, The Thames is the most significant seographical feature in ficant geographical feature in London and London's extra-ordinary commercial and imin the name of statecraft, the death of brothers, sister and mother before he was into his neens—add to this the tutelage perial adventure erose, and one should not be surprised that the London River should handsome as a god, grown to his full height of 6ft 3in was free at last to marry Catherine, his brother's widow, and was crowned king of England. He was the hope and joy of all. If Future actions can be traced to childhood, Henry's was a dark one as the second son, potentially a king, yet also a danger to the adored Arthur, surrounded by threats posed in the hope and son, and the second son the second son, and the second son the second son, and the second son, and the second son, and the second son the second son the second son, and the second son th

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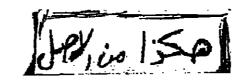
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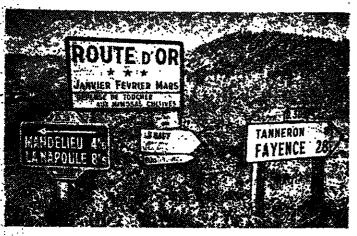
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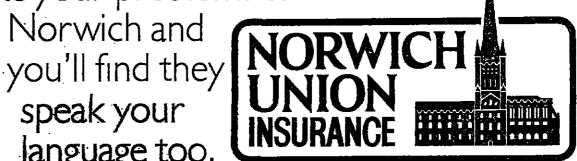
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#### Ronald Butt

## The cloud threatening to tarnish Mr Callaghan's silver lining

"The real victory will come", said Mr Callaghan at the Lord Mayor's banquet on Monday, when we achieve and maintain a steady and continuous growth in our economy, a much lower level of unemployment

And he might have added that the most important of key to all the others, is growth —not the febrile, booming expansion with which the elec-torate has been tricked in past "recoveries" from economic restraint, but the genuine in-crease in the use of resources for profitable and salable production, which an industrial country must have to pay its way in an increasingly difficult world market

Some of the necessary pre-conditions for this kind of growth obviously do now exist, now running a substantial cur-rent trade surplus; our reserves have risen beyond most expectations; government borrowing has been restrained; the annual rate of inflation has the annual rate of inflation has nearly halved compared with 1975-76 and should go into single figures next year if there is not a pay explosion.

As a result of all this, Mr. Healey has been able to make a start on creating the conditions which gives changed. economic revival.

no longer a disincentive to investment; industry seems to have a greater intention to invest and the Treasury expects this to continue; the Chancellor has been enabled to make a

is to bring into use the very great deal of at present unused

capacity of men and plant.
But a major question remains.
Will easier financial conditions
really stimulate production. and particularly production for export? Or shall we find ourselves again at the beginning of the kind of consumer demand which once more throws the economy out of balance and can only be satisfied by imports on a scale we cannot afford?

This is the danger. Industrial production remains pretty flat and there is a clear risk that the demand which should result from more purchasing power will lead rather to a stronger growth of imports than to a sustained improvement in sumer-led inflation. The Government's strategy for avoiding this is the caution with which it is easing up. That is why it is moving in slow, hesitant stages with its tax concessions; why it is still cautious sustained improvement in about the money supply; and



Interest rates have been Mr Callaghan and Mr Tapsell: a wary reply on exchange controls. brought down and are at least

industrial exports, even if North Sea oil does make good the balance for the time being. Will our own industry (motor cars are the obvious

this to continue; the Chancellor (motor cars are the obvious has been enabled to make a start on reducing taxation (to be continued next April) which should be an incentive to demand.

The object of the cautious policy of easing up on restraint is to bring into use the very not been so marked. But there is no doubt that we shall inis no doubt that we shall in-creasingly be exporting in a difficult world market, in which other countries will also be other countries will also be suffering from low investment and poor trading conditions. If, in a buyer's market, we cannot compete on prices, and even more on quality and delivery; if demand simply goes into imports, then we shall once again get, not the kind of growth we need, but a consumer-led inflation.

The Government's strategy

why Mr Healey still resists the pressures to follow the floating of the pound upwards by relaxing exchange controls so as to allow British investment over-The other day Mr Peter Tap-

sell, one of the newly appointed Conservative Treasury shadows, put to the Chancellor the dan-ger that, if exchange controls are not relaxed, the pound will appreciate so much that our industry will either become less competitive abroad, or that we build up too high reserves.

Mr Healey's reply was instructive of the wariness with the present silver linings. He is disinclined to accept Mr Tapsell's advice partly because we still have large debts in relation still have large dents in relation to our reserves, and because he doesn't think much of trading off short-term capital inflows for long-term capital outflows. But Mr Healey's real reason was conveyed in these words: "It would be univise to dis-manule the apparatus on ex-change control before we were

mot be sure." is that it might be unable to use the reserves to maintain the pound in another crisis if

ing. I hope it will be but we

capital had been exported for capital had been exported for investment. In any case, it is inclined to prefer, since investment is sluggish worldwide, that investment capital should be deployed at home, rather than abroad.

It is not easy to dissent from the Treasury view on this matter, in the light of its clear apprehensions about the pre-cariousness of the present economic improvement. There will certainly be no rapid export growth and there is the danger that the modest stimuli that the Government is apply-

that the Government is applying might cause the economy to overhear without bringing the unemployed resources of men and machines into use to create the right kind of growth.

This is, first and foremost, a problem for industry itself all sides of it. The proper use of resources; the problems of by direct intervention by the Government. But for industry to do what it ought to do, confidence is needed and that means confidence for the longer as well as the shorter term. Where is confidence to come

from? It is to this that Mr Callaghan and Mr Healey ought now to address themselves. Industry may be fairly happy shout the Government's policies now, but on what basis can it be optimistic about the per formance of another Labour Government if it should win the election which cannot now be more than a year to 18 months away?

In ministerial speeches, it has become axiomatic that our resources, public or private, should be used more productively and in particular that resources have to be shifted resources have to be shifted from the non-productive appearance of state bureaucracy. On the other hand, we also have a manpower problem which suggests that a truly modernized industry will not be able to use all the manpower available—and this raises the question of the role of the service industries.

Yet the whole direction of Labour policy for the future points the other way—towards further state agglomeration, more intervention, more costly bureaucracy. The economy is not going to be put on a right course by economic techniques. course by economic techniques Callaghan wants depends on

politics, too. The paradox of the situation now is that the more success fully the Government appears to win public support by the sensible economic policies dicsensible economic policies dic-nated by its minority position, and so gives itself a better chance of another term of office, the more industrial and individual confidence will be undermined by missivings about what a majority Labour

What kind of Government would Labour be next time? Unless this uncertainty is cleared up, I doubt whether the period of prolonged run-up to the election will be conducive to the confidence, hard work, investment, export performance and the growth Mr Callaghan -whatever the temporar amelioration of our standards next year.

That is the Government's real problem—and the problem of the nation. Mr Callaghan ough necessary to keep in touch with them through what they were interested in."

## The Conservatives: becoming more radical while trying to get back in touch

The appointment of the leader of the recent air traffic control union organizer for the Conservarive Party is the latest manifestation of a trend which must be sending a shudder up the spines of all traditional

Not consent with actively involving itself in made undonism, the party is openly encouraging students to partic-ipsine in the NUS and take part

Conservative Central Office is running a series of seminers on social problems. At one on social processes. At our subject of vandatism, last month not a single voice was to be heard calling for a return of the birch. Instead, the audience listened meetily and astentively as community workers spoke on the need to reduce inequal-tiles of wealth and such "statements of affluence" as multi-storey car parks.

Behind all these activities is the Conservative Party's Community Affairs department which, since it was set up two years ego, has been engaged in a process of "trendifying" the Toties; The reason for setting up the department was the fear, reinforced by the party's defical in the two elections of 1974, that it was out of nouch with several important sections of the population, particularly trade unionists, sussignants, students and small business-

and their own brand of com-touristy politics was another important factor in persuading the Conservatives to change their image and approach. Mr Mervyn Kobler, one of the members of the department, says: "There was a feeling says: "There was a feeling that the centres of political ar-fluence had moved away from the main political parties to pressure groups and community bodies. Perhaps the most distinction thing about the October, 1974, efection was that the largest proportion of the first name voters were abose who tid not vote at all." The director, Mr Andrew The director, Mr Andrew Rowe, who was brought in to run the Community Affairs department from being a lecturer in social administration and consultant to the voluntary services unit of the Home Office, says: "The Conservatives are very good at keeping in touch with people through where they lived. But now it is necessary to keep in touch

Mir Kohler, who set up the community groups unit in March last year having previously joined the Tories from the housing organization Shelter, says: "The Tory party

them wish us. My job is to demonstrate to both sides that to 13 marginal seats.

Last year saw the foundation of an Anglo-Asian Conservative

The Conservative Trade Unionists (CTU) were set up in 1975 to encourage trade unionists to join the Conservative Party and to involve Conservatives in the trade union movement. There are now seven professional organizers and 250 groups. CTU's conference this year had 1,200 delegates, nearly all of whom were stewards and union actiwere stewards and union acti-vists. The Conservatives feel that they are beginning to make their voice felt in the

surance companies. University.

Perhaps most surprising of all, there are now two Conservarives on the NUS executive, otherwise solidly dominated by the broad Left. rification with the immigrant keen to demonstrate that it is

there is much in common and little to fear." The Conservatives badly need to win Asian and West Indian votes. In the last general election the immigrant vote went four to one in favour of Labour. If it had divided more evenly, the Tories reckon they would have held on

ociety and an Anglo-West Indiam Society and the adoption of the first coloured parliamentary candidate by the Tories in the postwar period. He is Mr Narindar Saroop, already a councillor in Ken-Redditch in the next election. Conservative Trade

Mr John Bowis, national organizer of CTU, almost had a note of pride in his voice when he told me that Conservatives were largely behind the recent wir traffic control assistants' strike. The chairman of the strike committee, Mr Marrin Gillate, is now the deputy national organizer of CTU.

CTU runs courses for trade union branch officers and encourages them to stand for election to national executives. It claims much of the credit for forcing the Association of Scientific Technical and Mana-gerial Staffs to change its line on the Bullock Report and getting it to reject proposals to

The Federation of Conservative Students (FCS) has been in existence since the 1920s. It is only in the past three years, however, that it has delibera-tely involved itself in student politics and taken part in the NUS. The results of its decision to become more active have been spectacular. Membership has grown from 5,500 in 1973 to more than 16,000. There are now 45 sabbatical officers in student unions who are members of FCS, including this year's president of the Student Union at the once notoriously left wing Warwick

aroused some concern with the Tory hierarchy earlier this year when it came out in favour of legalizing cannabis and encourages its members to involve themselves in direct of their local demands over accommodation and conditions. It is about to launch a

national campaign against racialism and claims to have been instrumental in persuading the NUS executive to conban Jewish societies.

The fourth component of the community affairs department, the Small Business Bureau, director, Mr Geoff Lace, says: "The party felt that while it was very responsive to the views of big business, it had alienated small business. The bureau now has 2,000 individual subscribers and 150 cor porate members, like the National Federation of the Self-Employed. It runs a quarterly newspaper to promote its highly modish message that small is beautiful.

The wooing of immigrants, trade unionists, students and small businessmen by it conservatives hooks, at one level, simply like a shrewd piece of political opportunism, Mr Andrew Rowe insists there is more to it than this. "The Conservative Party is in ferocious pursuit of ways of presenting the cornolate state. enous pursuit of ways of pre-venting the corporate star-and is genuinely looking for ways of creating a pluralist society. We see particular co-munities and voluntary groups as the strongest pillars of such a society", he said.

He would like to see the whole field of voluntary effort in health, education and the social services opened up and supported by the Tories as a corrective to an increasingly paternalist state. Certainly this stress on helf-help ties in with the ideological position of the present Conservative leader

This new movement within the Conservative Party sugthe natural party of government. If what is happening in the Community Afrairs department is not just window dress-ing and is allowed to influence

If the Conservatives really are intent on listening to and taking note of the views of immigrants, trade unionists, students and voluntary organizations of all kinds, then, as Mr Andrew Rowe says, "We are faced with the possibility of the Tories becoming the radical and progressive party.'

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## For Romania's Jews, the scars are healing

experience as deeply moving as it was revealing—a journey

By car, plane and three over-night train journeys, we visited (my wife accompanied me) eight Jewish communities in Bucharest, Moldavia and Transylvania. The reception accorded to us everywhere was overwhelming in its warmth and enthusiasm, as I addressed packed congregations in magnificent synagogues varying in age between 90 and 500

Romania is now the world's only country which still has vestiges of old-style East European Jewish life reminiscent of scenes drawn straight from Fiddler on the Roof. Alone among communist states, it maintains diplomatic and trade relations with Israel, and it has pursued a rather liberal line on Jewish community organizarion and emigration.

Of Romania's 800,000 Jews before the Second World War, 57 per cent survived the Nazi death camps and pogroms. About 85 per cent of these left

Romanian The community now reduced to about 45,000. into the richness of the Jewish past, the immensity of Jewish suffering, and the resilience of the Jewish spirit.

By car, plane and three overnight train journeys, we visited

The terrible scars tert by the large of the Jewish population was deported on Eichmann's death-trains, and every plane train journeys, we visited The terrible scars left by the

nant bears the haunting physical and emotional marks of Auschwitz and other extermination camps. In Oradea on the Hungarian border, for instance, a monument commemorates the 25,000 Jews (out of some 30,000) who never returned

The rest of Romania which was not occupied by, but allied was not occupied by, but ellied with, the Germans—also witnessed frightful massacres by local Fascists. Near Jassy on the Moldavian border with Russia, we stood at the massgrave of 12,000 Jews slain in three days in 1941. This town previously had 55,000 Jews out of a total of 90,000 inhabitants; about 1,000 now remain, as do seven synagogues out of the former 127. In the capital, rows of identical graves recall the horror of 120 Jews butchered and hung up with signs "kosher meat".

In the same cemetery is the "Struma" memorial which "Struma" memorial which arheism.

A recent seven-day tour of after the war, mainly for Israel tells the harrowing story and Particularly impressive are difference of attitude to emiRomania proved a unique where every twelfth Jew is a lists the names of the 769 victhe welfare services providing gration. While applications are who drows when the overcrowded ship in which they sought to reach Pelestine was turned back by the British and drifted at sea for three months before it hit a mine with the loss of all lives

except one. We walked in streets which, survivors told us, had been covered ankle-deep with Jewish blood, and saw soap-bars (retrieved from Auschwitz) each marked "R.I.F." (Rein Juedisches Fett) and numbered for distribution among German soldiers, now pre-served in Bucharest's Jewish

After the Stalinist period, the shattered fabric of Jewish life was gradually reconstructed, thanks largely to the dynamic leadership of Dr Moses Rosen, who combined spiritual with lay jurisdiction as Chief Rabbi and President of the Federation of Jewish Communities. Under his control, 86 com-

under his control, 86 communities now function. Though subdued by our standards, they display a modicum of remarkably well-organized communal, religious, social and even educational activities in a country officially controlled. officially committed to strident

and medical aid for 10,000 members of the community. The condition of Romanian Jewry is thus imcomparably superior to what I found on my visit to the Soviet Union in December 1975, Russia's 3,000,000 Jews have no community organization, no social institutions, no Hebrew classes, no youth orchestra, no com-munal newspaper, such as is published formishuly in Bucharest

In Romania we met some 5,000 Jews, including a few hundred children and adolescents. In the three leading Russian cities I visited, with a combined Jewish population of at least 800,000, I saw less than 1,000 Jews and only a single Jewish child. In Romania Jewish martyrdom is recalled in numerous imposing memorials bearing Hebrew and Romanian inscriptions. In Russia, a mainly Jewish blood-bath as immense as occurred at Babi manly jewish thoughout as immense as occurred at Babi Yar had the evidence almogener supressed for 30 years, and its recently erected monument omits any reference to Jews even memorial meetings are banned at the

Even more significant is the

occasionally refused, the bulk of Romanian Jewry has been allowed to leave and there is no haressment of the many still wishing to do so. Conse quently, there is no movement of Jewish activists in Romania The contrasts in the treat-ment of the Jewish minority in

the two countries are stark and puzzling. Some religious freedom and the right to emigrate are evidently not incom-patible with a rigidly communist system of gover

and international inderstanding, yielding benefits far exceeding the interests of the Dr Immanuel Jakabovits Chief

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whey-faced? with knees unsteady?

who murmurs: "Let my lady sleep—

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Ethelred! Ethelred! spent his royal life in bed; one shoe off, and one shoe on, greatly loved by everyone.

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movies in the fifties). When I

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is coronation mad. When, from the King's still vocal throat, surfaced this tender eddy:
"Please ask them all to go away,

Ethelred! Ethelred! spent his royal life in bed; one shoe off, and one shoe on, greatly loved by everyone.

to try and fail again.
Ripe in the grave, with frightened eyes,
Creation heaves; and then mad from his watch-cloud thus outcries the Archangel Cheruphredi: "Cancel the Second Coming, lads,

for Ethelred's unready. Ethelred! Ethelred! spent his royal life in bed; one shoe off, and one shoe on, greatly loved by everyone.

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bbeyfield buys and con- own group of local voluntary A verts ordinary houses workers. Thus charges are into about 7 bed-sitting- kept to a minimum. Each group is formed as an independent charity. There are more than 600 Abbeyfield houses all own rooms with their own over the kingdom. But many

Will you help? Abbeyfield needs money, yes - but equally it needs people to help their local Abbeyfield Society where one exists, or to start one where

## ABBEYFIELD SOCIET)

President: Lord Pritchard 35A High Street, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, Potters Bar 43371.

#### Wider horizons for those

lunchtime literat Habitués of London literary lunches could be forgiven for experiencing a feeling of déjà vu yesterday. Lord Clark was making his second appearance as speaker in as many weeks, and in both cases, it was to talk about the second volume of his autobiography, The Other Half. Yesterday, it was the Foyles

Yesterday, it was the Foyles gathering. A formight ago, it was Liberty's. The store ven-tured into Foyles territory for the first time and very naughtily got Lord Clark first.

Next week, Harchards in Piccadilly begin their literary beanfeasts, but Lord Clark will not be their guest speaker. Instead, there will be Margaret beable and Angeric Freeze. Drabble and Antonia Fraser; Edna O'Brien will read some poems and three other literary ladies will provide moral sup-port. Lord Clark should feel flattered that it will take six

ladies to displace him.

He talked briefly yesterday about the "dreadful new affliction" of authors having to sign their books and complained that he still had 500 copies of his ew book to autograph. Sir Harold Wilson, I am told, Sir Harold Wilson, I am told, seemed to be bearing the affliction bravely as he scrawled his name across copies of A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers at Selfridges earlier in the day.

Inen, Lord Norwich took a side swipe at a fellow autograph giver. "You try and get an unsigned copy of a book by a side swipe and get an unsigned copy of a book by a side swipe and get an unsigned copy of a book by a side swipe and get an unside and the same and get an unside and get and get and get an unside and get an unside and get and g



Back at the Foyles luncheon, Lord Norwich said that Lord Clark was lucky that all he had to write was "Lord Clark", whereas he had to write "John Julius Norwich", practically an

Then, Lord Norwich took a

#### Throwing a new light on crime A funny way to tastic 2", opens on January 12 and will be full of new and spectacular effects. Since their last show, the company have

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Those of you who have gasped at photographs of builets leaving the barrels of guns (no, this is not about shoteun legislation) will be thrilled to learn that a company called Holoco can now make a hologram of a builet so that it is possible to neasure every espect of the projectile and tell if (for example) it has been fired from a suspected murder weapon.

example) it has been fired from a suspected murder weapon.
Which is just one of the practical uses for holograms (three dumensional light structures, if you are still wondering). Holoco, who are very special in holograms and special lighting effects, are the first organization to be offered, by the Royal Academy, the opportunity of exhibiting twice in one year.

found one of Robin Hood's men trying to extricate his longbow to one year from a Lamborgann. Or The new show "Light Fan it was just a hologram? from a Lamborghini. Or maybe Good news on your pet subject

A learned symposium of for relevision sets can emit acoustic engineers and research whiteles insudible to the human scientists at Wembley confer- ear but disturbing to pets. ence centre yesterday heard. The reaction to the "loud why British cars and dogs have unusual noise", Mr Fanshawe been going demented recently.

D. G. J. Fanshawe, a researcher with Mullerd Ltd, reported work carried out with future new types of ultrasonic remote common systems are to be individued which will be a second to the second common systems.

which has established that may insudible not only to man ultrasonic remote controllers but to his pets as well.

learn things

I dislike much of what is happening in the commercial cinema today and, to keep alive my faith in films, I am turning increasingly to what used to be called—very offputtingly—the documentary. There have been big changes here, too. Most noticeably, the genre has acquired a sense ofhumour; we can laugh as we digest the

Two excellent examples of this have come my way this week, short films made by Video Arts, who specialize in indoor film set used in so many making training films. The first, How am I doing?, which runs for 25 minutes, shows the wrong went down to have a look I way for management to conduct appraisal interviews. The second, the 12-minute cartoon How to Lie with Storistics

shows the idiotic things that can happen when you try to identify the average man.
It makes good sense that John Cleese, the funny man from Fawley Towers who is also on the board of directors of

where is Market Blandings:
competition did not end with
the list of winners I published
on Tuesday. Colonel Michael
Cobb, of Plymtree, Devon
the railway expert, must have
wondered what on earth was
going on when he appeared as
Colonel Croft. I apologize for
depriving him of his good name
and hereby restore it and hereby restore it. Video Arts, should out his comic gifts to good instructional use in his company films. His three roles in How am I doing? show him as his versatile best.

Head-scratching over my "Where is Market Blandings?"

The statistics film is the work of Tony Hart, whose ingenious draughtsmanship on television

is seriously underrated.
The link between Video Arts and television is reinforced by the presence in the company who guided the destinies of Tonight and Panorama in the day when to miss an edition of either, was to risk social

the New London Theatre.

The two films I have med-tioned can be seen roday at

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Withdraw 2. L. C.

The Anti-Nazi League, formed to fight the National Front, has got off to an embarrassing (for them) start. In its first press notice, it described itself as "a new ad-hoc group formed by anti-zionists". Given the general mood of apathy that greeted the group's arrival on the scene, it is not surprising that the last two words in that statement did not bring the marchers out on the streets. They were, in any case, swiftly corrected by a second notice from the group; admitting that a serious error had been made. "Paragraph three should read a new address group formed by anti-racists."

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Selling eggs by weight

pullet. No one complains and most say they like odd sizes for differing

US withdrawal from ILO

Sir, My attention has been drawn to Sir Robert L. M. Kirkwood's

letter on the subject of the United States withdrawal from the ILO

published in your issue of Nov-ember 3. Sir Robert is, of course,

From Mr S. B. Chambers

From Mrs S. P. Walker

Yours faithfully,

S. P. WALKER,

Mawgan Porth, Corowall.

October 28.

completely entitled to his "delight" at the further weakening of the ILO and at the United States decision and at the United States decision to withdraw from that Organization (sithough it can be surmised that not even the Americans are "de-lighted" at what they have done!) Sir, Wouldn't it be far simpler to sell eggs by weight? Keeping a few hens, pullets and bantams I find out the "shop" price of, say, However, he might well be endors six standard eggs, and weigh them on the shop scales—then I make ing the sentiments of a group with whom be would not normally conup that weight of my assortment and sell them at the shop price. It could be 5 very large eggs or sider himself in great sympathy. It is very unfortunate that Sir Robert is hitching his comments up to 8 eggs if most are bantam or

wagon to the fact that he came to an ILO conference as a Jamescan employers' representative in 1957 and, as far as I know, has not since then attended any sessions of the International Labour Conference. The employers' group of Jamaica would not have, in 1957, advocated the withdrawal of the United States from the ILO and has not since then, not up to the present time, wished for such a move I am com-

then, not up to the present mane, wished for such a move. I em completely unaware, too, of any such withdrawal sentiments being expressed by either the past or the present Government of Jamaica or, indeed, by any of Jamaica's main trade unions Jamaica has benefited greatly by

Yesterday marked the end of in an attempt to give the con- and presented. It is always much inother chapter in the British trary impression, the Govern- more difficult to change the sub-Leyland saga. It is the formal ment takeover of the company stance. And with its new strucand the very existence of the ture the Leyland group will still be facing the issues which have as a public admission that the faced it ever since the days of the original 1968 merger, which created the group under Lord Stokes as a company in the private sector.

Chief amongst these is the question whether, in a world of high oil prices and dominant. internationally integrated car companies like Ford and General Motors, a purely national car company relying so heavily on the British domestic market and exports can survive. Allied to this is the question whether and how, if the answer is no, a manufacturing operation the size of the Leyland mass car division can be scaled down without unacceptable social and industrial dislocation.

If the new management concludes, as its predecessors have done, that there is still a future for a mass car producer operating independently in this country, then the challenge shifts back to the problem of how increased productivity, reliability of delivery and profitability can be bought forth from the present mess. Under the new corporate structure, the per-formance of the mass car division wil be much clearer for all to see. The question whether Indeed, whatever words may relatively easy to change the that exposure wil improve per-have subsequently been spoken form in which things are done formance remains entirely open.

#### THE EXTRADITION OF TERRORISTS

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Ryder plan were widely taken

mass car division of British Ley-

land to collapse, whatever its production or profit record. All

threats, or statements, to the

contrary lacked credibility to

the workforce and the manage-

Mr Edwardes, the new chair-

man, starts with every advantage

of a fresh man with fresh ideas

and a fresh approach. His initial

move, in proposing the division of the company into four operating companies, each with separate limited liability and a separate capital structure, is

clearly designed to tackle those

central weaknesses of the Ryder

approach. It remains to be seen

how this division will be achieved and what in practice

limited liability means in the rather special context of a

group, owned as to 95 per cent

by the Government. In theory

it should mean that the com-

mercial performance of each

component will be separately highlighted and future capital

investment programmes and employment levels adjusted

There, however, lies the real

test facing Mr Edwardes. It is

relatively easy to change the

LEYLAND RESTRUCTURED AGAIN

Ryder remained chairman of the Government could not allow the

ment alike.

end of the so-called Ryder plan

for the company, published in

March, 1975. So long as Lord

National Enterprise Board and

his chosen man, Mr Alex Park, remained chief executive of British Leyland it was difficult,

if not impossible, for there to

be any significant departure from

that original rather rigid blue-

.The central criticism of the

Ryder concept was that, by

insisting on extreme centraliza-tion, the potentially profitable

parts of the enterprise, like special cars, were being dragged down by the dead weight of the

mass car division. In particular, since the new "Mini" replace-

ment programme for the mass car

division was of such high import-ance to Leyland from the point of view of employment, there

was the standing danger that

potentially profitable activities

would be deprived of their fair

share of necessary development

Coupled with this was the criticism that the Ryder plan committed the taxpayer to heavy future investment in British Leyland, without a prior guarantee that there would be

any improvement in the produc-tivity of the group as a whole.

France of Herr Croissant, the

defence lawver for several of the

terrorists convicted in Germany.

political and legal aspects. Herr

ject to the extradition agree-

ment of 1951 which excludes

authorities have supplied a 600-

page dossier accusing him of

ordinary criminal activity in aid

of the terrorists. The court yesterday accepted a sufficient

amount of this evidence to agree

that there was a case for extra-

dition. But Herr Croissant has

attracted the support of a

vociferous section of the French

left which has accepted his

nanifestly absurd argument that

Vest Germany is, or is nearly, a fascist state and that he is a

political resistance fighter. There

Lord Scarman's passion for a

United Kingdom Bill of Rights

is well known, and he has used

The problem has important

print

capital

West German terrorists have been a European problem for some time. They were involved intellectuals signed a petition in the attack on the Opec meetreferring to the "persecution" ing in Vienna. They attacked of Herr Croissant. Many seem the West German embassy in also to have accepted his equally Stockholm. They shot a Swiss border policeman. One of them flimsy accusation that the prisoners who died in Stammhad to be extradited from heim gaol were murdered and Greece. Twice recently they that he could suffer the same were involved in gun battles in fate if extradited. There is at Holland. And they left the body the moment no evidence to of Dr Schleyer, the kidnapped industrialist, in France, where they may also have been hiding. Now there is the probsupport this view and much to counter it. Just why a number of Frenchlem of the extradition from

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men should be so anxious to believe and propagate this picture of Germany is not clear. They may hope to tap the vein of anti-German nationalism that is always present in France, or it may suit their own political Croissant claims that he is a political rafugee from West Germany and therefore not subpurposes to argue that a successful capitalist system such as West Germany's must inevitably be repressive. They are, however, making a rather curious and discouraging spectacle of themselves. Fortunately M. Mitterand, the Socialist leader, has not associated himself with the anti-German campaigns, and the Government made an important gesture when it sent the Attorney General into court to support the case for extradition. but on the whole the amount of intellectual and political resistance has not been quite as firm as West German public opinion had a right to expect.

The result is a certain amount

have been demonstrations around of unhappiness in Germany. But the court and about two hundred the case has also brought to intellectuals signed a petition attention a wider problem which could give trouble in the future. The difference between a criminal and political offence is not, and probably cannot be, entirely clear. There is a long tradition in Europe, and especially in France, of granting special consideration to political prisoners and refugees, even if they have been involved in violence. The French extradition law of 1927 has a very vague phrase about crimes which have a "political character". This is a difficult matter for a court to decide. Anyone can claim a political motive for a crime, and the German terrorists do so, even though their political aims have

become more and more obscure. But the nature of the state against which they are operating must also be relevant, though this also stretches the normal competence of a court. I Germany really were a fascist state there might be a different attitude towards acts of violence against it, and towards the extradition of people accused of committing such acts. This is why Herr Croissant has been so anxious in court to make his case against the West German state. It is also another reason why the decision has political as well as judicial significance. To extradite a German terrorist to Germany

majority. The public would then

properly appreciate that restric-

tions imposed on other people's

freedoms in the name of favour-

ing the disadvantaged were no

more than expedients to be dis-carded "once the objective of

genuine equality is achieved."

But if that objective was, in

practice, achieved, there would

be no need for the Race Rela-

tions Act. Its abolition or non-

use would not depend on there

being a Bill of Rights saying that

the measure was a temporary

argument that a Bill would state

publicly principles which are

now only implied. The very fact,

however, that anti-discrimination

laws exist is a clear statement

that the general principle

governing our society is, and must continue to be, equality for

all its members. To spell out the

There is some force in the

November 15. is a gesture of confidence in German democracy and justice.

#### CEMENTING THE PLURAL SOCIETY Rights could the rights of the emphasis where is should be, on the rights of the members of the

his considerable intellectual and persuasive skills to mount a variety of arguments in its suption. port. He has now added a new one. His lecture to the Minority Rights Group yesterday concentrated on the issue of reverse discrimination, which, in the form of the Bakke case, is causing such auguish in the United States at present. Lord Scarman made two basic points. First, he stressed the necessity for ensuring that any legislation which, as he put it. loaded the law in favour of dis-

equality than the Race Relations Act. When the goal is achieved, the Act would of its own accord fall into desuetude. favour of point. He then went on to suggest that only by a Bill of groups. It would put the

principle may be of psychological help, but that alone does not warrant the introduction of a Bill of Rights. There are more persuasive arguments for that, most of which Lord Scarman has himself deployed in the past.

On a personal note, I must say that I was very shocked at the light-hearted irresponsibility of Sir Robert's letter. Yours faithfully, S. B. CHAMBERS,

2A Ruthven Road, Kingston.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

only the firemen have right of access to fire engines and breathing apparatus? More importantly, does he think it murally right that

the Queen's troops be obliged to enter burning buildings with no

better protection than damp rags

It is ludicrous that while troops

are baving to undrego such hard-

ships the equipment which would

help them lies unused in fire

time to strike the firemen will act decently towards the troops and

allow them the use of the fire

Sir. Am I the only one to be sur-

Sir, Am I the only one to be surprised at the apparent readiness of the public to accept the Government's argument that it cannot recognize the claims of any group as constituting a special case because to do so would open the floodgates to a torrent of "special cases"? I consider that to refuse

to decide which cases are special in the present (very special) situa-tion is to shirk one of the respon-sibilities of Government. (Didn't

sibilities of Government. (Didn't someone cay "Gouverner c'est

someone cay "Gouverner c'est choisir"?.)
The Government should have the

the Government should have the return to 'free collective bargaining'—which will not improve the lot of very many special cases—

people's) would include hospital staff, policemen and firemen.

Of course we all feel that we need to be paid more, but although my own profession has been very shabbily treated by this Government, I should be more gratified that lealistic economic policy had not led the Cabinet to abandon the vision of social justice which persuaded many of us to vore Labour in the first place. Who knows, to nail their flag to a few political principles in the run up to the election might even prove politically expedient!

cally expedient!

IAN McMORRAN. 14 Eynsham Road,

November 15.

From Mrs Valerie A. Elliston

Sir, There is one important aspect of the firemen's strike which

Sir, There is one important aspect of the firemen's strike which seems to have escaped notice but which is brought home quite unwittingly by the Home Office amouncement currently appearing in the press. It admonishes "While normal fire services are unavailable, it is important for everyone to take sensible fire precautions, and know what to do if fire breaks out". Then follows a list of commonsense hints.

It is scandalous that, when

Yours sincerely

K. R. WING, United Oxford and Cambridge

Let us hope that while they con-

held to their mouths?

fighting appliances. Yours faithfully,

University Club, 71 Pall Mall, SW1.

From Mr Ian McMorran

November 15.

stations.

#### Settling firemen's pay and conditions

From Mr W. A. Wiseman Sir, The way in which firemen's pay and conditions of service have been in the past and are now being settled leaves a great deal to be desired. An initial point is that no clear distinction is being made between an average industrial working week and the firemen's 48-hour working week. The firemen's 48 hours is 48 hours on duty. In many brigades, particu-larly in the Shire Commies, this means that, for instance on a night shift, a fireman may enjoy a vacually unfroubled night's sleep. Whatever the inconvenience of being on duty for 48 hours may be, it bears no resemblance to a normal 40-hour working week.

The pay and conditions of fire-The pay and conditions of firemen are seriled nationally by Lie Fire Service National Joint Council. They are not normally settled by the Government, yet in attempting to prevent the current firemen's swike the Government, with at best token reference only to the local authorities who, in the end, are the firemen's employers, gave way, much to the Fire Brigades Union's surprise, on the 48-hour week with an unconditional offer to reduce it to 42 hours. The effect of this is that in due course 5,000 more public sector employees will be needed, at that in due course 5,000 more public sector employees will be needed, at a time when Government expenditure should be reduced. This is an example of how efficiency in the public sector is given away for short-term political advantage.

If the firemen had accepted the 42-hour week and called off their strike, it would have meant that Mr Rees could say that the Government had not breached the 10 per cent rule, and yet built in would have been an inevitable further inflationary 12½ per cent increase.

There are in effect three parties to the firemen's dispute, the Government, local authorities and the firemen; two of them should be speaking with one voice and they

speaking with one voice and they are not. There are other difficulties are not linere are other nimiculuses in the present machinery. The majority of firemen are not employed by the Shire Counties. In the Shire Counties until very recently an efficient form of fire cover was provided by full-time firemen offering their services in their own spare time to help our the brigades. The Fire Brigades Union persuaded the NJC to remove this option. In effect, firemen may now do most things in their spare time but make use of their skills so expensively acquired. The NJC decision was not popular with many men in our county, as it reduced their carnings.

Everyone who has had anything to do with the Fire Brigade appreciates the courage, the skill and the devotion to duty of firemen to when the courage of the skill and the devotion to duty of firemen to whom the community owes a great deal. They may well have a good case for a rise along with the police, the miners and all the others, but this dispute must raise the question as to whether the unions really do a useful job, both for the nation and their members. It should not be forgotten that this strike was called by union conference assinst the by union conference against the advice of their own executive. It also highlights whether the present machinery for negotiating pay and conditions is the best that can be devised. One possibility for change would be to negotiate different terms within a national framework for firemen in Shire County brigades as opposed to city brigades, but these are not matters for detailed discussion in this letter.

W. A. WISEMAN, The Mill House,

Yours faithfully.

From Mr K. R. Wing Sir, Whilst reluctantly acknowledging the firemen's right to strike there can be no justification for their refusal to allow their equipment to be used by the temporary faremen. Do they own this equipment? Does the Home Secretary recognise the fact that

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many firemen suffer injury or death as a result of this kind of non-thinking? Small wonder that they are driven to strike.

Yours faithfully,

11 Treton Road.

VALERIE A. ELLISTON,

Church investment policy From the First Church Estates Commissioner Sir, Mr Bulmer-Thomas claimed in ser, Mr Burner-Homas canned in the article which you published on November 15 that the Church Com-missioners had "missed the bus". Before one boards a bus it is a wise precaution to consider its destina-tion and, indeed, how far, once one has caught it, it will move forward

at all.

The suggestion made is that the The suggestion made is that have commissioners should have invested the whole of their Stock Exchange portfolio in Government stocks and by implication wholly into 72 per cent Treasury Stock 2012/15 at a time when that stock yielded 15 per cent.

Yours financially discerning readers will have had no difficulty in recognizing the practical

in recognizing the practical problems of switching hundreds of problems of switching hundreds of million of pounds in this way. Of course, a switch from equities into high-picking fixed interest stocks immediately increases the income, though not on the scale suggested by Mr Bulmer-Thomas who has distorted his "arithmetical facts" by falling to compare like with like; the increase in income would have been around £15 million, not £22 million.

But some may still ask why the Commissioners did not take this opportunity to increase their income and thus the pay and pensions of the clerry by an overall figure of £15 million. After all, if concerned about inflation and whilst conforming to Government pay policy, the Commissioners could have distributed only a part of the increased income and reinvested

the rest.

Apart from the fact that the prudent investor does not put all his eggs in one basket, it is an undeniable fact that equities have, almost invariably, out-performed gilts. At the time gilts were yielding 15 per cent equities were yield-ing around 7 per cent. Over the past two years the growth of income achieved by the Commisincome achieved by the Commissioners from their equity portfolio has averaged over 13 per cent per annum despite dividend restraint. Growth at an average of even 10 per cent per annum compound doubles the income and possibly doubles capital value every seven years—but on Mr Bulmer-Thomas's main assumption be would prefer a doubling overnight and then fixed doubling overnight and then fixed for over 38 years! Moreover, despite the capital gain on redemption of the Government Stock (72 per cent Treasury Stock), if interest rates were then lower than 72 per cent, there would be an actual fall in income on re-nvestment.

I do not believe many clerzy would have been pleased to find themselves—"at a stroke"—in a bus which lurched forward and was then likely to remain stationary for thebest part of half a century. Yours faithfully, RONALD HARRIS, Church Commissioners.

November 16.

#### **Isolating South Africa** From Dr Ralph Horwitz

Sir, In his article: "One way to save blacks and whites in South Akrica" (November 14), the Reve-rend Paul Oestreicher advances the now familiar arguments for economic sanctions. Such arguments com-pietely ignore the economic history of South Africa for the past hun-dred years but, worse, they reflect the total non-understanding of the nature of capital investment and "profits" in the interconnexions of

the economic variables.

Given the military and political power of white South Africa, the only possible instrument for ending appriheid and its racism is the immediate intensification of foreign investment. Nothing else can make white South Africa so totally dependent on non-white South Africans that within a relatively short period, the power of the non-whites to compel the abandonment of apart-

heid would be irresistible. That foreign investment increases the power of the non-whites is by any economic model, market or Marxist, theoretically irrefutable and historically manifest. By all means ostracize white South Africans so that they may experience a fraction of the humiliations and indignities imposed for generations on non-white South Africans. But ostracism is completely different from econo-

Yours faithfully. RALPH HORWITZ. London Regional Management 311 Regent Street, WL

#### Devising a fair EEC fisheries régime

From Mrs Elizabeth Young Sir, Michael Hornsby's article—
British Fishing—an Industry heading for an EEC storm" (November 9) and your leading article—
"Still the Fishermen's Friend" (November 10) touching on the EEC cod debacle in Norwegian watersforcibly remind us how far there is to go to reach a usable Common Fisheries Régime.

The Commission's most recent proposals are still lubberly and theoretical, founded as they are on a quite unenforcible system of minutely detailed national quotas. On the other hand the UK's exclusive belt proposals probably do not accord with the Treaty of Rome and, even if acceptable to the Council of Ministers, would be unacceptable. Ministers, would be unacceptably vulnerable to legal assault. The arrival on the scene of Spain—which has one of the world's largest fishing fleets—makes it all the more urgent for the Community to reach sensible agreement. sensible agreement.

Can there in fact be a Common Can inere to fact be a Common Fishery Regime which is at once fair, and in accordance with the Treaty of Rome and capable of the kind of speedy flexibility required for proper management? Surely. But Brussels would have to abandon national quotas: Britain will probable have to abandon halve and all ably have to abandon belts; and all concerned would have to recall that fisheries is only one of many activities going on in our seas, all of which have to coexist if we are to make the most of any of them. Waste disposal, pollution control (including regulation of effluents), sand and gravel extraction, reclamation of coastal wetlands, artificial island construction, disposal of shipping casualties, pipeline routing, are among the activities that parthe lot of very many special cases—
let us at least show where our social priorities lie by singling out a limited number of 'special cases' and according them a generous settlement. The list need not be a long one. Indeed, the shorter the better, but mine (surely most people's) would include hospital staff policemen and firemen. ticularly impinge on fishery man-

The Commission has now realized that enforcement is an essential element of fishery management. But to judge by its most recent pro-posals, it has not still realized how important convenience of enforcement may be, given that at sea it has to be done by constabularies with many other enforcement responsibilities (the list above suggests some of them). Nor indeed does in seem to have any wider does it seem to have any wider sense of its own responsibilities for Sea-Use Planning—for PAménage-

m obtain.

What would a Community fishery regime look like?

(1) As the Commission already agrees, the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) would be decided on exclusion.

(1AC) would be decided on excusively scientific grounds.

(2) The most important management tool of all would be the licensing system: all European Community fishing within sea areas and all EC fishing in other states' zones would be subject to a system of annual licensing, that was:

a. nationally non-discriminatory—as it has to be to accord with the reary of Rome; b. regularly updated in the light of the various TAC;

c. weighted in favour of i. communities particularly de-pendent on fishing (whether the fishing is within EEC waters

or clsewhere);
ii. legitimate, historic rights (ie. a tradition of overfishing should not be converted into an "historic right" to do so); iii. and of methods of fishing that are labour intensive;

iv. energy non-intensive; and v. meet conservation needs.
The convenience of farmers of both fin and shell-fish would be allowed for, and also that of those who will soon be "ranching" fish. Licences would specify where, when and what their holders might fish, and fishing vessels would be equipped with transponders for aircraft to question automatically.

automatically.

(3) The member state within whose EEZ fish was caught would be recognized as having certain property rights in that fish tagain in accordance with the Treaty of Rome) and would result from the control of the control in accordance with the Treary of Rome) and would receive payment out of the licence fee for the fish raken and for providing protection services—the American system might be the right model. Part of the licence fee would also go towards financing fishery and other maritime research in the zone.

The criteria listed in (2) above

The criteria listed in (2) above would certainly be less difficult to agree than either the cumbersome "model" for allocations, in the October 17 Commission Proposal, or than the simplistic 50 nautical mile belt which we cannot seriously hope

Yours, etc. ELIZABETH YOUNG. 100 Bayswater Road, W2

#### Mapping buried history

From Major-General R. C. A. Edge Sir, As a former Director General, I am disturbed by the changes in the archaeological activities of the Ordnance Survey which, it seems, are to be made without prior consultation with the profession.

These activities are as old as the Department itself, which for almost 200 years has recorded antiquities, whether visible or obliterated, and

whether visible or obliterated, and shown them on its maps. But, in spite of the enthusiasm of individuals, the lack of professional expertise led to inconsistency and mistakes, some of them howlers. It was to remedy this that in 1920 Sir Chales Close, then Director General, persuaded the Government to appoint an Archaeological Officer persuaded the Government to appoint an Archaeological Officer, O. G. S. Crawford. A brilliant field archaeologist, he held the post for over 20 years, making an immense contribution to archaeological cartography and creating the period map. But his greatest service was to ensure that thenceforth the Ordnance Survey received the best information available and correctly interpreted it. Since then these activities have been guided by a succession of archaeological officers and assistants of comparable prolist of commonsense hints.

It is scandalous that, when normal fire services are available, the public refuse to take those "sensible fire precautions", thus causing fires or allowing them to spread entirely through neglect. The general attitude seems to be, "I don't need to take precautions; the fire brigade will come ". How many firemen suffer injury or cession of archaeological officers and assistants of comparable professional stature, including notably C. W. Phillips, Professor W. F. Grimes and Professor A. L. F. Rivet. An Archaeological Division has been developed which is renowned for the excellence of its work and for the excellence of its work and is the envy of other countries, providing an indispensable service for archaeologists, professional and amateur, in Britain and elsewhere.

Now, evidently, this uniquely valuable organization is to be dismantled or, at least, so changed that eventual degeneration seems inevitable. The saddest feature is the complacent acceptance of the demise of the former strong and professionally well qualified cenprofessionally well qualified cen-tral direction, which ensured high standards by expert training and supervision of the non-professional

staff. I am astonished to read in my friend Mr Walter Smith's letter of November 9 explaining these changes that "the OS does not employ professionally oualified field archaeologists". It has certainly employed them since 1920 and from the Annual Report for and, from the Annual Report for 1976-77, was still doing so then. Neither this statement for the con-clusion drawn from it can be valid. It is impossible to swallow the suc-

It is impossible to swallow the suggestion that the new arrangements will actually improve matters.

In future the Ordnance Surrey is to rely on "local professional archaeological sources". The Department has always done this but sole reliance has been proved by experience to be wholly inadeouste in the absence of expert guidance from within. The Department's function is national rather than local and it seeks to locate and local and it seeks to locate and identify (but not investigate in detail) antiquities wherever they may be. I cannot see how such a function can be performed by Ordnance Surveyors, however excellent, who have received no special training and are no longer professionally ing and are no longer professionally

It may be argued that the mapping of the country is almost complete and that the former expenditure on archaeology is no longer justified: but, apart from the fact that the large scale programme will not be finished for some years, no national survey, whether of the rost or the present, is ever complete. Revision is always necessary (as Revision is always necessive (as wimess the successive editions of the Map of Roman Britain) and an organization—smaller perhaps but essentially similar—will be needed. I hope that, in the end, wiser counsels may prevail.

Yours faithfully. R. C. A. EDGE, Greenway House, North Curry, Somerset. November 12.

#### Creating royal peerages

From Mr Robert R. Horley Sir, Mr Lee's letter (November 11) raises the necessity to make cer-tain comments.

He seems to suggest that a title was denied to Captain Mark Phillips. I have advays been given the impression that Captain Phillips refused a peerage when he married. Not even Parliament can force a title upon those who do not wish

One title which Princess Anne, as the only daughter of the sovereign, is entitled to receive is that of Princess Royal. It has been in abeyance for some 12 years.

As was pointed out in the Society's July newsletter, it is most odd that a grandchild of a reigning sovereign will be plain "Master" or "Miss", whereas the great-grandchild of a sovereign who died in 1936 (the expected child of the Distance of Characters will be the Duchess of Gloucester) will be "Lord" or "Lady". In these days of liberation it is

perhaps confusing to note that the children (if any) of The Princes Andrew and Edward will be entitled to princely titles. And the grandchildren of the above Princes will be titled "Lord" or "Lady". Women may inherit the highest hereditary title in the land, it seems (such as our present Queen did in 1952), but their children have no right to titles otherwise.

Mr Lee also seems to suggest that the non-royal hereditary peers do not "lend support" to the sovereign. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is to the House of Lords The Queen goes when opening Parliament, and the number of hereditary peers who attend Her Maisero tary peers who attend Her Majesty upon that occasion, as well as upon many others, are too numerous to mention.

Yours sincerely. ROBERT R. HORLEY. Chairman, British Heritage Society. Gien Lyon, Osborne Road. Andover, Hampshire.

#### Representative juries From Miss A. S. Coode

Sir, Having recently completed jury service 1 would disagree with Mr A. A. B. Harvey's view (November 7) that "it is idle to pretend that any jury will ever represent the community at random".

Over 300 jurors were called at the same time as myself. In the course of the next 10 days there were many opportunities of meeting fellow jurors and 1 talked to other secretaries, like myself, hotel recentionists, someone from the BBC. students, teachers, financiers, housewives, a self-employed lorry driver. an art historian, a senior British Rail official and many others. Whilst we all came from London there were people drawn from most boroughs and not only the central ones. The Jury Bailiff had some difficulty with the pronunciation of our sur-temes, which indicated the good, worldwide, random mix we had all come from once.

I hope this may reassure Mr Harvey. I know I was not only reassured but impressed by the way justice was seen to be done. Yours sincerely. ANGELA COODE.

Flat B. 15 Queen's Gardens, W2.

#### Eating motorway food From Dr J. Billam

Sir, Sir Charles Force (November 12) perhaps overlooks the most important point. For a foreigner to discover that apparently 79 per cent of us actually like motorway restaurants probably does more barm to our tourist brede than anything Egon Ronay may have said. Yours faithfully,

J. BILLAM. 6 Melplash Avenue, West Midlands.

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advantaged groups, be temporary. Ultimately, he argued,

individual rights ought to prevail over group rights, and any law which derogated from that principle ought to remain in force for as little time as circumstances allowed. He cited the Race Relations Act, and particularly those sections which render lawful positive discrimination in minority groups. No exception can be taken to his views on that individual be adequately protected against the excessive use of legislation designed to promote minority group rights. That proposition is open to ques-

It is in everyone's interests that such legislation be kept to a minimum. Minority groups themselves would far prefer to be in an economic and social position which did not require the help of the law. The legislation is only there to ensure that those groups which suffer from various disadvantages are able to achieve equality of status treatment and opportunity. Blacks would rather have that

Why, then, in that context, the necessity for a Bill of Rights? Lord Scarman suggests that such a Bill would enshrine the principle of equality for all before the law, hence of the primacy of the rights of the individual, whilst recognizing temporary and limited excep-tions in favour of disadvantaged

> its membership of the ILO by having at present a very healthy social security programme, a very good vocational naining institute and by having had well organized manage-ment development and trade union education programmes. The island has benefited very greatly, too, by its close association with and help from the United States. There can be no reason at all for wishing to see the ILO and the United States paring company; the hope is that, to the mutual benefit of both parties, there will be a resumed membership before long.

President, Jamaica Employers' Federation, Depty Mamber of the Governin : Body of the International Labour Office,

# Apology for Crossman Compensation for breach of right to belong to a trade union

apology over a passage in the re-cently published third volume of the Crossman Diaries which referred to "a fascist nest" in the office. Miss Thompson had sued the defendants, Jonathan Cape Ltd and Hamish Hamilton Ltd, the joint publishers, for libet, Mr Peter Bowsher for Miss Thompson; Mr Tom Shields for

Thompson was a sepior statistician and the only woman of equivalent rank in the office. She was rerank in the office. She was responsible directly to the Registrar General for making extrapolations from population statistics.

In volume III of the Crossman Diaries, the lat. Mr Richard Crossman stated that in 1969 he "bad heen rold that there was a fascist test in the Beristran Consecution."

nest in the Registrar General's Office " and that while at first he did not believe the allegation he did not believe the allegation he later became convinced, after string for an hour with the staff, "that there was a real ideological pattern to the behaviour of this office". Mr Crossman referred to a lady in that office in terms which clearly identified Miss Thompson as an individual determined to provide statistics falsified by reason of political bias regarding the coloured population of Britain.

allegations were the

Diaries statement Thompson v Jonathan Cape Ltd and Another

Before Mr Justice Bristow Miss Jean Thompson, a senior statistician In the Registrar General's Office, received an

Miss Thompson was a demo-grapher of international repute and of the highest integrity. She and of the ingrest integrity, one was certainly not a fascist, and indeed she was not a member of any political party. Her moderate political views were known only to herself and her work had never been influenced by any political or other nersonal views. or other personal views. The Crossman Diaries might be-

come works of reference for a very considerable time as a source of contemporary history. Miss Thompson was accordingly con-cerned that the record should be put straight and for that reason put straight and for that reason began the present proceedings. She had not been concerned to obtain compensation and since the defendants were willing to apologize and to withdraw the allegations made against her, she was content not to proceed with the action.

the action.

Mr Shields said that the defendants wished to apologize for any distress caused to Miss Thompson by references which had been taken to suggest that her work was coloured by any political or other bias. The defendants also wished to make it clear that any such suggestions were now withdrawn as being entirely misconceived. They had agreed to pay Miss Thompson's legal costs.

Solicitors: Payne, Hicks, Beach & Co; Paisner & Co.

Before Mr Justice Bristow, Mr L. D. Cowan and Mrs D. Lan-

[Judgment delivered Nov 11]

Sections 53, 54 and 56 of the Employment Protection Act. 1975, which are concerned with the rewhich are concerned with the redress an employee has for breach of his "right not to have action (short of dismissal) taken against him as an individual by his employer for the purpose of—(a) preventing . . . him from being . . . a member of an independent trade union . " were considered for the first time by the Employment Appeal Tribunal. The basis of a discretionary monetary award of a discretionary monetary award made to the employee is compen-sation for him, not a fine on the

The Appeal Tribunal allowed an appeal by Mr David Brassing ton and two other employees of Cauldon Wholesale Ltd, wholesale drapers, of Shelton, Staffordshire. drapers, of Shelton, Staffordshire, from a Shrewsbury industrial tribuoal which granted them a declaration that their right under section 53 of the Act had been intringed, and ordered the company to pay them normal wages in respect of the day they attended the tribunal hearing but awarded no compensation.

Mr Eldred Tabachnik for the employees. The company did not appear and was not represented.

employees. The company did not appear and was not represented. MR JUSTICE BRISTOW said that in May, 1976, the company gave its workforce a rise of £6 a week thinking it was obliged to do so by law. On discovering that there was no such legal obligation it substituted a smaller increase. In September, 1976, the three employees, with une officers, ioined

tion 54 that their right not to have any action short of dismissal taken against them as Individuals by the company for the purpose of preventing or deterring them from being members of an independent trade union, conferred by section 53(1), had been infringed. Before the industrial tribunal they said that since joining a umon their employer had been putting pres-sure on them; and that if the company was required to recog-nize the union it would close the business. dismiss the workforce

business, dismiss the workforce and restart under a different cor-porate incarnar ... The tribunal had to decide two The tribunal had to decide two important questions of law. Did making a threat amount to action short of dismissal on the true interpretation of section 53? If so, how was compensation to be assessed under section 56(1)? It concluded that "action" included threats and that the appropriate compensation in the present case was one day's pay and out-of-pocket expenses.

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There was no cross-appeal by the company against findings that a threat amounted to action, but there could be a formidable argument, which was not raised before

either level.

The object of Parliament in conferring upon employees the section 53 right was clearly to discourage employers from unfairly trying to prevent union activity in their undertaking. To effect that object, some sanction was necessary. Parliament could have chosen an expressly penal sanction, made infringement of the right an offence, and provided for penalties to be imposed by the ordinary criminal courts. But bringing the criminal law into the industrial field was widely thought to be unwise: Parliament had not done so. It could have provided what

so. It could have provided what would have been a fine but wrapped up in a non-penal formula and imposed by Industrial tribunals. An example was section 70. For an infringement of an appropriate the section of the se 70. For an infringement of an employee's right to a proper statement in writing of the reasons for dismissal a tribunal must award that the employer pay the employee a sum equal to two weeks pay, and it had a discretion to make a declaration as to what it found the employer's reasons really were.

Where, however, the tribunal found that a section 53 right had been infringed it must, by section 54(3), make a declaration to that 54(3), make a declaration to that effect, and additionally it had a discretion to award compensation to be paid by the employer to the employee in respect of the action complained of, calculated in accordance with section 56. So compensation for the employee, not a fine on the employer, however tactfully wrapped up, was the basis of the discretionary monetary award.

Workers' Union. A union official asked the company for recognition and negotiating rights. The company wanted nothing to do with the union, which referred the recognition issue to the Advisory, Conciliation, and Arbitration Service. Acas decided to hold a ballot on the issue; questionnaires were distributed and, on March 3, 1977; collected, but the result was not yet known.

In February the three employees issued complaints, pursuant to sections as a pursuant to section 79.

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Was there anything empowering a tribunal in addition to impose a chosen an expressive penal sanction, made infringement of the right and taken legal advice at the infringement of a right. Did anything in section 56 lead to the conclusion that ferring upon employees from unfairly trying to object, some sanction was necessissued complaints, pursuant to section 50.

Mr Tabachnik submitted that Mr Tabachnik submitted mar once the right had been infringed an industrial tribunal could, with nothing more, award monetary compensation. There was no need to show an injury, but if that were done compensation could be awarded.

The tribunal apparently con-cluded that, since the infringement was only a threat, it was not just and equitable to grant compensa-tion without actual pecuniary loss. But the three employees would get their travelling expenses and subisstence, and the employers should pay them their wages in respect of the day spent at the tribunal. Subject to that, the tribunal did not impose any penalty on the

not impose any penaity on the employers.

It looked as if the tribunal had taken the view that it had a discretion to impose a quasi-fine on the employer if it thought it just and equitable, and otherwise to award compensation only in respect of pecuniary loss. If that was its view it was wrong.

Compensation had to be of such amount as the tribunal considered just and equitable in all the cir-cumstances, having regard to the infringement of the section 53 right by the employer's action, and of any loss attributable to it. the loss was to include any ex-pense reasonably incurred in con-sequence of the employer's action and any benefit that might reason-ably have been expected but for

Counsel rightly said that "loss" was apt to mean what one suffered in one's packet. The tribunal was entitled to award compensation for the monetary loss the employers had incurred in going to the tribunal by way of expenses but not to order the company to pay them a day's company to pay them a day's wages. That would not be a loss attributable to the employer's action and would amount to a

compensation meant compensa-tion of the injured party for in-jury, not punishment for the per-son committing the injury. Injury was far wider than suffering in one's pocket; and apart from the amount to compensate for that, the amount to compensate for that, the compensation of such amount as the tribunal considered just and equitable was compensation for injury not suffered in one's pocket caused to the employee by the employer's action infringing section 53, and sections 54 and 56 empowered the award of such compensation. Such action might be very easily shown

to have caused injury to the individual other than injury to his pocket. The stress engendered by such a simadon might easily cause injury to health. Compensation might be awarded if a deep and sincere wish to join a union, with all the benefits of help and advice which that might cotail, was frustrated. If an employer's action against an employer's action against an employer resulted in a union failing in respect of a recognition issue under section 11 that might be an injury which warranted compensation. Parliament had not categorized the injuries other than those to the Parliament had not categorized the injuries other than those to the pocket for which compensation might be awarded. But the employee who claimed compensation must first satisfy the industrial produced infringed—it he showed that and no more a mandatory declaration was his remedy—and he must also show injury resulting from the employer's action which infringed his right before the discretionary remedy of an award of compensation was in play.

compensation was in play.

The appeal would be allowed and the case sent back for rehearing before a differently con-

stituted tribunal. Solicitors: Partiuson & Brewer.

#### Rights to residence make charitable trust invalid

In re Martin, deceased Before Mr Justice Walton Hudgment delivered Nov 101

A trust to create a home for old people, with a right for either or both of the testator's daughters to reside there, was held not to be a valid charitable trust. Mr Justice Walton was delivering indgment on a summons taken out by National Westminster Bank Ltd., as executors, against Mrs Gladys Emma Martin, widow of the testator, Walter William Martin, his two daughters, Miss Delphine Gladys Martin and Mrs June Diana Kemsoll, and the Attorney General. His Lordship also concluded that in considering whether the gift to establish the home was practicable it would be unreasonable not to take inflation into account.

into account.

Mr John Bradburn for the executors; Mr T. L. G. Cullen for the testator's family; Mr John Mummery for the Attorney-

Mummery for the Attorney-General.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Mr Martin made his will in March, 1966, and died in August, 1970. The will directed the executors to create a trust of residue, and pay therefrom free of all taxes and expenses amunities of £20 a week to his widow until her death. and of £5 a week to each of his two daughters during his widow's life, rising after her death to £10 a week during their lives. Clause 5 directed that any residue remaining after those payments "be used to create a home for old people" and that "either or both of my daughters shall have first right of residence in the home should they agree to its creation before their deaths. This condition shall not alter the payments before their deaths. This condition shall not alter the payments to be made in paragraph 4".

It was not and could not be disputed, if only because of In re Pauling's Will Trusts (11969) t WLR 1595), that to found a home for old people was a good and valid charitable trust. But Mr Cullen said the trust was not charitable by reason of the right reserved to the two daughters; Mr Mummery said that the reservation did not affect its charitable hatre.

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is home for "old people" and that the two daughters were some species of old people, and that what was provided was a preferential right of residence. Mr Cullen said that the daughters were people who, whether old or not, were given an absolute right to reside in the home. Mr Memmery's later submission was that there was first a vested gift to charity of the residue after payment of the annutities, and then a provision for the daughters that could be treated as a pro tanto divesting provision. His Lordshio could not accept that argument; all that the words meant was that the daughters became objects, and preferred objects, of the trust. There was no need for the daughters to be old at all; the only condition for them to have a preferential right was for them to agree to the creation of the home.

Assuming that Mr Munimery was right, that the daughters were a sub-species of the primary class ("old people"), the ouestion grose whether an undomittedly charinable gift to found a home for old people, but with nominated private individuals having not a "preferential" but an "absolute" right of residence was a charity. Mr Munimery was a charity Mr Munimery was a charity. Mr Munimery was continents.

a gift to a primary class from which the trustees could select beneficiaries contained the necessary element of benefit to the public, so that a subsequent direction to prefer, as to 75 per cent of the income, a limited class did not affect the trust's validity. His Lordship would not have felt free to differ from the view of Mr Justice Upjohn in that case but for the criticism of the decision by Lord Ratcliffe in Calloor v Income Tax Commissioner. Colombo (1961) AC 384) and by Mr Justice Pennycuick in Inland Revenue Commissioners v Educational Grants Association Ltd. (1962) (1967) Ch 123. In the present case the trustees were given no discretion at all. In Tudor on Charities (6th ed. 1957, pp 27, 28) the essential question was stated to be whether there was more han a mere expression of pretakence for members of a limited class; if there was a positive obligation to prefer them then the trust lost its charitable mature. The passage also commented that it was certainly possible to argue that Koettgen's case was wrongly decided, and that in essence the question would always by reduced to one of construction. That was a very sound observation and here, there being no preference but an absolute right, the trust was not charitable. With recret, his Lordship concluded that no other decision was consistent with sound principle.

As to practicability, since the amount required for the annuities exceeded the income, which meant that some recourse to capital was a constant of the control of the contr of the establishment of the home being possible during the lives of the annuitants. At the testator's death the dauchters were aged 48 and 40 and allowing a minimum of 25 years for their expectation of life, and looking at the possion after their deaths, would a fund barrely sufficient in 1970 to buy a home and convert it have been sufhome and convert it have been sufficient, after being diminished, to make up the annuities out of capital and taking inflation into account?

M: Mummery contended that no account should be taken of inflation relying on Young v Percival ([1975] 1 WLR 17), where it was

The main reason why the court could not go so was because three was no bas's on which the calculations could be done, because no one could predict the future.

But his Lordship did not think, and the calculations are could be could be formed as the future. But his Lordshin did not think, when asking "would a reasonable man at the testator's death think that the gill was ever going to be practicable." that he could reasonably exclude from consideration the fact of inflation. His Lordship drew-comfort from In return (11953) Ch 447) and said that it would be totally intreasonable got to take inflation into consideration.

Mr Mummery suggested that mortgages would have been available and that local authorities could advance up to 100 per cent, the mortgage interest being covered by charges to resideals.

the mortgage interest being covered by therees to residents, so that lack of money was put a bindrance. In his Lordshin's view. however, that was not the sert of use the testator had in mind for the residue; what he contemplated was a roof over old people's heads then

Solicitors, Collyer-Bristow & Co for Lamport, Bassitt & History, Southampton: White & Leonard;

#### Question for the jury

Regina v Williamson

Whether an object is an offensive weapon per se is not for the judge to decide but a question of fact for the jury, the Court of Appeal said when allowing an appeal by Alan Williamson, of Macclestield against his conviction at Knutsford Crown Court (Judge Seys Llewellyn) for having an offensive weapon, contrary to section 1(1) of the Prevention of Crime Act, 1953.

Section 1(4) defines "offensive weapon" as "any-article made or adapted for use for causing injury to the person, or intended by the person having it with him for such use by him".

LORD JUSTICE GEOFFREY LANE, sixting with Mr Justice Milmo and Mr Justice Watdins, said that the prosecution relied on Smith and Hogan's Criminal Law (3rd ed., r 318) where Whether an object is an offensive

various articles, including a sheath knife, were categorized as being per se made, adapted, or carried for the purpose of crusters of the purpose of crusters of the purpose of crusters of the purpose o wife injury. A note referred to Woodward r Koessler ([1928] wife 1255) in which a sheath kalle was held to be an offensive weapon. The judge, taking the view that a sheath kalle was personal to the personal country when the conference of the country personal conference of the country personal country when the taken the conference of the country personal conference of the country when the country we have the conference of the country when the country we have the conference of the country when the country we have the country when the se made for causing personal injury, ruled that it was an offen-sive weapon.

It was not for the judge to decide whether an object rus an offensive weavon, but for the jury though the judge might six his own views after a warming to the jury. Sheath knife did roll describe the nature of the weavon in question. It was for the jury to decide its nature. The judge erred in his wall as the conviction must be seen in the converted in the converte

#### Solicitors' failure

Regina v Ratcliffe

The Court of Appeal said that a solicitor's follure to give the necessary information for coming to a conclusion about the appro-priateness of the sentence passed on a defendant, for whom the solicitor had been instructed on legal aid, was a matter to be taken into account in taxing the solici-for's costs.

The court allowed in part an appeal by Eric Anthony Rauliffe, aged 34, against sentence for driving a motor vehicle with a blood ing a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration above the prescribed limit, contrary to section 6(1) of the Road Traffic Act, 1972. The defendant's apperlagainst conviction was dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE GEOFFREY LANE said that the single judge, when granting tegal aid, had said he had specifically allowed a Solicitor to be instructed to consure the full court gains the truth on means." That was a very far-sighted direction. A solicitor was accordingly instructed, but he was not present to court.

Counsel said that he dispensed with the solicitor's attendance and

took it upon himself so to do. That was probably sensible, but what the solicitor had not done was to find out one tenth of the information necessary for the court to come to a proper conclusion. These was only a state-

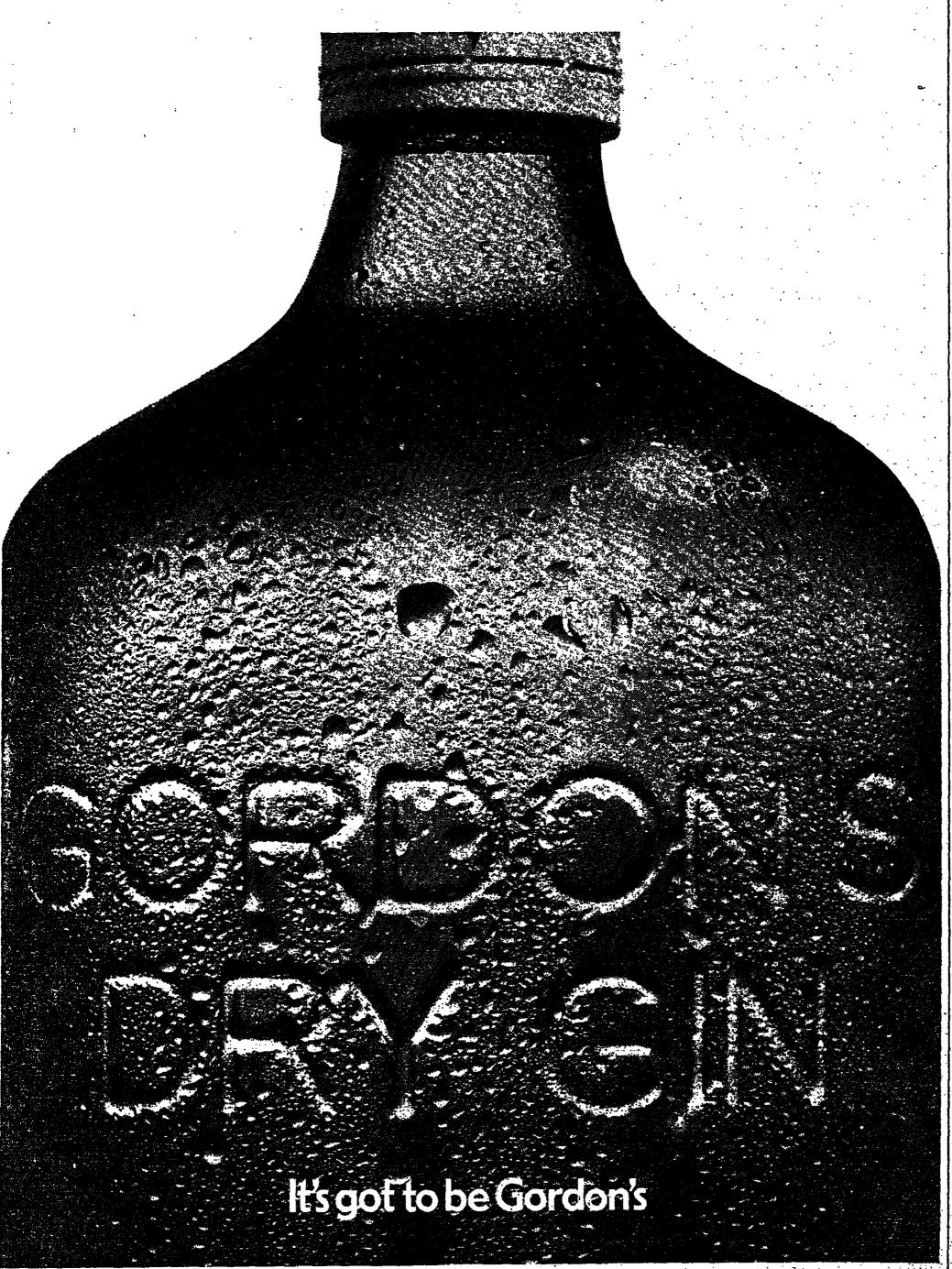
court to come to a proper conclusion. There was only a statement about the defendant's Army medical pension of £16.50. Certain of his outgoings his family commitments and the way he supplemented his income by casnal earnitr fabout £10 a week.

The was no whisper of what his capital assets were, or how he could afford to run a Mercedes Benz, however old it might be Quite plainty there was an area unpardonably left unexployed. That was a matter that might be taken hoto account by those responsible for taxing the solicitor's costs.

In the circumstances, the court the court in the circumstances, the court in the circumstances.

costs.

In the circumstances, the court could only make a guess about me defendant's means. The line of 175 was possibly on the high side and would be reduced to 550 An order for the defendant of 180 An order for the prosecution. We'll to use the fire and copts to be gate if the rate of 14 a week.





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#### COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 16 "Sir Peter Carey (Permanent Secretary, Department Industry) had the honour of ing received by The Queen this

of Industry) had the honour of being received by The Queen this morning.

His Excellency Dr Zdenek Cernik was received in sudience by Her Majerry and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecassor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordhaxy and Plenipotentiary from the Coertolovak Socialist Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to The Queen: Dr Frantisek Telicka (Mindster Counsellor), Mr Martin Sakii (Commercial Counsellor), Colonel Miroslav Dworsk (Military and Air Attaché), Mr Frantisek Pavils (First Secretary), Mr Jiri Novomy (Second Secretary), Mr Jiri Skrivan (Third Secretary) and Mr Milan Pokorny (Attaché). Madame Cernik had the honour of being received by Her Majesty. Sir Michael Palliser (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by The Queen, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force

Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Nell Cameron had an audience of Her Majesty upon his appointment as Chief of the Defence Staff.

Colonel Samuel Enderby had the honour of being received by The Queen and delivered up his Stick of Office upon relinquisting his appointment as Standard Bearer of Her Majesty's Rody guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-st-Arms.

Brigadler the Hon Richard Hamilton-Russell had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as Standard Bearer of Her Majesty's Rody Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, and received

Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, and received his Stick of Office.

Sir Zelman Cowen (Governor-General designate of Australia) had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Kaight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

Sir Zelman and Lady Cowen had the honour of being invited to luncheon with The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE KENSINGTON PALACE
November 16: Princess Alice,
Duchess of Gloucester was present
this evening at a Reception given
by the Mavor and Mayoress of
The Royal Borough of Kensington
and Chelsea (Alderman and Mrs
P. H. Methuen) at the Town Hall,
Kensington

Kensington. Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton

YORK HOUSE YORK HOUSE
November 16: The Duke of Kent
today visited the factory of Molins
Limited at Saunderton and subseuently opened the Handy Cross
Sports Centre in High Wycombe.
In the evening Hig Royal Highness, President of the FootballAssociation, airested with worldCun Match between England and
Italy at Wembley Stadium.
Lieutenant-Commander Richard ander Richard

Commandant of the Women's Royal Army Corps, today received Colonel Lucy Davies on relinquishing their appointment as Deputy Controller Commandant. A memorial service of thanks-giving for the life and work of Sir Michael Balcon will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields on

The 1977 Christmas Cracker Bazaar, in aid of the National Association of Youth Clubs, will be held at Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, on November 23, from 11 am to 5.30 pm.

Birthdays today General Sir Philip Christison, 84; Sir Christopher Cox, 78; Sir Patrick Hamilton, 69; Professor Sir Otto Kahn-Freund, 77; Sir Arthur Kelly, 79; Sir Reginald Pearson, 80; Lord Polwarth, 61.

University news Newcastle

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#### Forthcoming -

marriages Mr C. J. Carter and Miss E. C. Kinghan

and Miss E. C. Kinshan
The engagement is announced
between Christopher John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. L.
Carter, Broadwater House, Burwood Park, Walton-on-Thames,
and Emma Caroline, second
daughter of Sir Robin and Lady
Kinghan, of Castle Upton, Templematerial Northagen Impland patrick, Northern Ireland.

Mr S. N. Abrahams and Princess Yangchen of Sikkim
The engagement is announced
between Simon, younger son of
Mr Anthony Abrahams, of The
Old Mansion, Bisley, Gloucestershire, and of Mrs Denys Sutton,
of-22 Chelsea Park Gardens, London, SW1, and Yangchen, daughter of the Chogyai of Sikkim and
of the late Sangay Dekki of Tibet.

Mr S. Birch and Miss S. Arding The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the Rev A. J. and Mrs Birch, of The Rectory, Lynn, Cheshire, and Sarsh, daughter of Mr and Mrs Greham Arding, of Sevenoaks, Kent. Kent.

Mr A. C. de Morgan and Miss P. A. Mitchell-Innes and Miss. F. A. Mitchell-innes
The engagement is announced
between Adrian, second son of
Mr and Mrs P. W. Morgan, of
Hayne House, Plymtree, Devon,
and Penelope, daughter of Mr and
Mrs N. S. Mitchell-innes, of Sunderland.

Mr A. L. Hosking and Miss P. M. Blaxland

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Stnart Hosking, of Maidstone, and Polly, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Stephen Blaxland, of Bury St Edmunds. Mr G. Parker and Miss D. Parker

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs John Parker, of Horsham, Sussex, and Denise, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs C. F. Parker, of Exeter, Devon.

Lieutenant-Colonel T. le M. Sharpe and Miss C. S. Scott The engagement is announced between Trevor le M. Sharpe, Coldstream Guards, and Carolyn, only daughter of the Mr Edward Scott and Mrs Peggy Scott, of Barnes, London, SW13.

Captain P. M. A. Sweeth and Miss G. M. Dunn
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Major Sweeth, RA (retd), and Mrs Sweeth, of Sheercroft, Tenbury Wells, and Gall, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Duon, of Berrington Court, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire.

Marriages

Mr E. D. Gomme and the Hon Mrs J. E. Jessel and the Hon Mrs J. E. Jessel
The marriage took place quietly
in London on November 16 of
Mr Donald Gomme, of Lausanne,
Switzerland, to the Hon Mrs Jill
Jessel.

Mr F. Foster and Miss L. Mostyn

and Miss L. Mostyn
The marriage took place at
Kameruka, Bega, New South
Wales, Australia, on November 12
of Mr Francis Foster, of Perk
House, Drumoak, Banchory, Kincardineshire, and Miss Louise
Mostyn, of Dissiford House,
Bithops Lydeard, near Taunton,
Somerset.

Receptions

The Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea

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Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, antended the reception given by the Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington Town Hall yesterday evening. Members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Bishop of Kensington and Mrs Goodchild, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriff with their ladies, the High Sheriff for Greater London and Mrs Titchener-Barrett, the Chairman of the Greater London Council and Mrs Bains, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kingston upon Thames, the Mayor and Maydress of Windsor and Maidenhead and the nayors and Mayoresses of inner London boroughs were among those present.

Foreign and Commonwealth

office
Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister
of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a reception at the India Office Council Chamber, Foreign and
Commonwealth Office last night in
honour of a press delegation from honour of a press delegation from China led by Mr Tseng Tao.

Rio Branco Prize The Brazilian Ambassador was present at the Institute of Letin American Studies yesterday when the Rio Branco Prize, awarded by the House of Brazil Foundation, was presented to Miss Frances Elizabeth Rand, of Oxford Univer-sity, and Mr Malcolm L. Pearce, of Leeds University.



Lord Noel-Baker with Lady Llewely n-Davies of Hastoe, one of his sponsors, before his introduction in the House of Lords yesterday.

Dinners

Caspenters' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by
the Sheriffs and the High Officers
of the City Corporation, was
entertained at dinner at Carpenters' Hall yesterday evening by the
Master of the Carpenters' Company, Mr J. G.. Jacob, and the
Wardens. The Lord Mayor,
Admiral Sir Terence Lewin, the
Master and the Senior Warden
were the speakers. Others present
included:
Fold Marshal Sir Geoffrey Baker. Mr
C. R. Newman. Mr E. W. Bright, the
Masters of the Mercury.

Seniolary of the Carpenters'
torrers', Seniolary and Musicians' companies; the Master Culler in Haliamthir and the Deputy Master of Trialty
House. Carpenters' Company

Air Squadron The Air Squadron held their winter dinner at Buck's Club yesterday evening. Among those yesterday evening. Among those present were:

The Ron Hugh Astor. Mr R. A. S. Ames, Mr M. R. L. Astor. Mr M. C. Barraciough, the Hon Anthony Cayrer. Viscount Chessa, Mr D. T. Conschield Mr A. T. Bailer, Mr M. B. Verrard. Mr A. T. Bailer, Thomas, Mr. J. M. Houlder, the Ron Patrick Lindsay, the Hon Robin Neville. Mr M. D. Norman, Mr B. L. Schröder, Mr T. M. Sturey. Lord Strathcarron, Mr A. C. Swire, Nr Carlstophor Tennant and Lord Waterpart.

Indo-British Organization Indo-British Organization
The New Commissioner of India and Mr John Davies, MP, were the guests of bonour at the Indo-British Organization dinner held at the Sujata Restaurant yesterday evening to celebrate the britiday of the Prince of Wales (November 14) and the late Jawaharial Nehru, The guests were received by the

Two anniversaries are being cele-

brated at Potrers Bar, Hertford-

shire, on Saturday. In the after-noon, with a Nosh's Ark cake and

chocolate animals, the Enfield Toy

Library is having its tenth birth-day party; in the evening, with Miss Glenda Jackson, its president,

among the guests, the Toy Lib-

raries Association marks its own

fifth birthday.

Apart from their value as play centres for handicapped children toy libraries have become important meeting points for parents. There are now 500 throughout Britain and new ones are opening at the race of about one a week. The intention is to widen their scope to take in not only handicapped children but those socially deprived, the one-parent family being an example.

The accordance of the advice on

The association gives advice on how to set up a toy library, how

National Trust
Mr Charles Douglas Fergusson
Philips Brockiehnest, of Macclesfield, a partner in Christie's, left
1969,150 net. He left his home,
Hare Hill, part of the estate and
1900,000 to the National Trust.
Other estates include (net, before
tax paid: tax not disclosed):
Bibby, Mrs Elizabeth, of Goringon-Thames
Clewley, Mrs Evelyn Amy, of
Hythe; Kent
de Wilde, Mrs Marie Jeanne
Louise, of East Horsley f132,256
Lloyd, Mr John Silk, of Benfleet,
1938,241
Peshall, Mr Samuel Frederick, of
Quoris, hossery company director
1934,034
Russell, Mr Lawrence George, of

Russell, Mr Lawrence George, of Great Baddow ... £122,232

fifth birthday.

Latest wills

Home is left to

National Trust

**New toy libraries opening** 

for handicapped every week

were:
Mrs John Davies, the Hou Kennoth
Lamb, Mr Eldon Griffiths, MP, and
Mrs Griffiths, MP P. Davis, Mr G.
Evans. Mrs E. McFarquahar, Mr E.
Masch, Dr and Mrs T. Basu, Mr R.
J O'Nell, Mr C. Roberts, Dr and
Mrs S. D. Melatsperanan, Mr and Mrs B.
Thwarf, Ktomar And Mr and Mrs B.

Institute of Actuaries Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was the principal guest and proposed the roast of the Institute of Actuaries at their blennial dinner, which was held at Grosvmor House last night. Mr C. M. O'Brien, president of the institute, replied and the other speakers were Mr D. F. Gilley and Judge Paterson.

Royal College of Pathologists The annual general meeting of the Royal College of Pathologists was held yesterday, after which the Foundation Lecture was given by Dr J. Brooksby. Professor J. R. Anderson, a vice-president of the college, and Mrs Anderson, were hosts at the annual dinner held afterwards at the Royal College of Physicians. Among those present were:

those present were:

Sie Furguson and Lady Anderson. Mr

Bur F. J. Baker. Sir Douglas and

Lody Burs. Profesor. E. K. Douglas and

Dor and Airs R. Blowers. Sir John

Boyd, Liestenant Concest Sir Richard

and Legd Brudshew, Mrs J. Brooksby.

Professor and Mms W. J. R. Butterfold.

Professor and the Hon Mrs A. C. P.

Campbell, Professor R. C. Curran, Sir

John and Lady Dacie. Professor and

Mrs G. W. A. Dick, Professor and Mrs

F. Frynn. Polessor and Mrs H. Mr. Jackson.

Sir Hans and Lady Krebs, Dr and

Mrs E. V. Kuenseburg, Professor and

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Mrs P. L. Mollison. Dr and Mrs I.

much it costs for a basic stock of toys (about £300), and how much to run. Meany libraries have become charities, as the associa-tion is itself, and although local

Library sessions are often attended by helpers with

The association maintains links at mational level with therapists,

psychologists, machers and researchers on behalf of its members; it cooperates with toy designers and manufacturers, art colleges and other children's welfare societies.

There were only 100 such libraries in Britain three years ago. Next spring an impenational conference to discuss the different roles libraries can play is to take place in London.

A significant advance has been

made in recently increased funda-

mental research on malaria para-

sites. An important een is to

persuade the parasites to grow outside the bodies of laboratory

anumais or human volunteers.

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Until recently it was not possible to keep them after in culture, which has greatly increased the difficulty and expense of testing drugs or exploring the possibility of vaccines. Last year, researchers discovered how to grow the human materia parestre Plasmadium falciparum in culture during the

trough therapists, speech therapi and child psychologists—w advise on the choice of toys.

## A. H. Munro, Professor and Mr. Munro Nevillo, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. A Raison, Professor and Mrs. W. Linforn Rees, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Ridding, Professor and Mrs. J. E. Ridding, Professor and Mrs. J. R. Tighe and Ladi (Robort) Williams.

Middlesex County Association
The Middlesex County Association
held its annual dinner to mark the
Queen's silver jubilee at the Army
and Navy Club, Pail Mall, last
night. The guest speaker was
Superintendent Alison Haiford
and the other speakers were the
president, Sir Graham Rovelandson, the chairman, Mr Ronald
Politeyan, Mr Horace Cutler,
Major General Sir Nigel Tapp,
Lord Pargitler, Mrs Rex White,
Mr George Dufton, Mr Jack
Lynes and Mr John Wagner.

Smeatonian Society of Civil

Engineers present were :

Supper

Reform Club Sir Eugene Melville and the com-mittee of the Reform Club wel-comed members and their guests at a buffet supper at the club last night, with music by the Light Blues,

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Frank Judd, Minister of State

Team of Industrial Specialists.

Science report

Zoology: Malaria in culture

Now Dr Richard Carter and Dr Reymond Beach, of the United States National Institutes of Health

have found out how to grow the

Success in growing Plasmodium in culture seems to depend on parisently trying out different remperatures, acidities and concentrations of serum until the right combination is found. By adjusting those factors Dr Carter and Dr Beach have been able to

Middlesex County Association

The Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers held their final dinner of the present session at the Institution of Civil Engineers last night. Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Mason presided and among those present teams.

Luncheons

F7.200 (estimate £5.000 to £7.000).

The remarkable feature of yesterday's sale was the strong prices for artists whose reputation has not spread much outside England.

"Mr Wyndham Lewis as a tyro", of 1920-21, made a record auction price for a Wyndham Lewis painting at £6,000 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000), to the Mayor Gallery.

In Paris on Tuesday the Bibliothèque Nationale preempted the purchase of a superb Symbolist manuscript, Barbey d'Aurevilly's Les diaboliques, at 183,000 francs (estimate :0,000 to \$0,000 francs) or £20,795.

The manuscript contains five sinister short stories of about 1870 in the author's hand and is illuminated with coloured inks and powdered with gold and silver.

The Couturier-Nicolay sale was devoted to a single private collection and also contained a 14-page autograph manuscript of Bandelaire poems, at 104,000 francs estimate 40,000 to 50,000 francs) or £11,818.

In New York on Tuesday Sotheby Parke Bernet sold a library formed by David Borowitz of Chicago devored to England literature. A first edition of Gray's Elegy bound with other works published in 1751 made \$22,000 (estimate \$11,000 to \$14,000) or £12,021, to Auerbach. Christie's sale of Indian and South-East Assan works of art yesterday totalled £95,880, with 4 per cent unsold. A very rich and oruste Chinese gilr-bronze figure of Vajrabhairava, of the Yung Lo period (1402-1424), made £11,000 (estimate £3,000 to £12,000).

Sotheby's sale at Hopetoun House, near Edinburgh, on Tuesday night made £123,999 with 9 per cent unsold. Lord Greenhill of Harrow

of £14,500

seascape

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

pictures yesterday since the mar-ket was struck by the recession

for Dawson

for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon beld at Rule's restaurant yester-day, in honour of Mr L. K. Jha, yesterday. yesteruay.

British Medical Association
The chairman of council of the
British Medical Association, Dr.
James Cameron, gave a luncheon
at BMA House yesterday in
honour of Mr Joseph A. Califano
Jr. United States Secretary for
Health, Education and Welfare. chairman of the Commonwealth Lady Mayoress
The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress entertained the following guests at luncheon at the Mansion House yesterday: The Chairman of the GLC and Mrs Bains, the Deputy Governor of the

The guests included;
Dr Karen Davis, Dr James J. Mongon,
Mr John Blamphin, Mr Thomas L. Council for Postgraduate Medical

Institute of Practitioners in Work Study, Organization and Methods Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by Mr Richard Earl, chairman, and members of the board of the transport and distribution specialist group of the Institute of Practitioners in Work Study, Organization and Methods at the Hotel Russell yesterday.

Lord Greenhill of Harrow enter-tained the Hon Mrs Amhony Henley and present and past mem-bers of the Council of King's College Hospital Medical School at luncheon in the House of Lords

Council for Postgraduate Medical Education in England and Wales Sir John Richardson, chairman of the Council for Postgraduate Medical Education in England and Wales, was host at a Iuncheon at 7 Marylebone Road yesterday in honour of Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services. Among the guests were: Professor Sir Frank Hartley, Professor Donald Court, Rear-Admiral J. A. B. Harrison and Mr M. C. Malone-Lee.

coax the parasites into their serval

coar the parasites this their sexual stage as gamenocytes.

That achievement will make it possible to explore the drug-susceptibility of the parasite in its mosquito-borne phase. If it is not possible to eradicate majoria-carrying mosquitoes, perhaps it

will prove possible to cure them

Source: Nature, November 17 (270, 240; 1977)

(i) Nature-Times News Service, 1977.

Two further donations, one anonyhous and the other of £10,000 from the Fligrim Trust, have almost completed the appeal for £400,000 made by Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery to acquire Bellini's "Madonna and Child".

There is still £7,470 outstanding, but Mc Dennis Farr, director of

but Mr Dennis Farr, director of the city's museums and gallery, said yesterday that it would be underwritten by Birmingham City

Council.
The figure includes £5,000 spent

in promotion costs, so the effec-tive target is £1,470.

Gifts enable

Birmingham to buy Bellini

By Nature-Times News Service

#### Record price | OBITUARY PROFESSOR WILLIAM KLYNE Research in chemistry

Professor William Klyne, lished in 1957 and 1974 respec-FRIC, died on November 13 at the age of 64. lished in 1957 and 1974 respec-tively. He had a gift for forging international cellaboration links. Educated at Highgate and and this work was both recog-New College, Oxford, his first nized and extended when West-appointment as assistant in field became the home of the medical chemistry at the Uni-Sotheby's held one of their most successful sales of modern British medical chemistry at the University of Edinburgh marked the beginning of his work at the interface of chemistry and biochemistry. In 1947 he moved to the Postgraduate Medical School, University of London, first as a lecturer and later as Reader in Biochemistry. He was appointed as the first Professor of Chemistry, Worsfield ket was struck by the recession three years ago. It totalled £171,305, with 7 per cent unsold.

It has generally been easy to sell the work of decorative commercial painters such as Montague Dawson, Munnings, Russell Flint or Seago. That remained the case yesterday with a new auction record price for a seastape by Dawson when Frost and lessor of Chemistry at Westfield College, University of London, in 1950, and was one of the chief architects of the newly-founded Science Faculty there. scape by Dawson when Frost and Reed paid £14,500 (estimate £6,000 He held a number of influenrial posts in the College, includ-

Reed paid £14,500 (estimate £5,000 to £8,00) for "Eccape", a ship in full still chased by another, and a Munnings hunting scene, "Why weren't you out yesterday?", at £8,500 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000).

A Barbara Hepworth bronze of 1961, "Two forms in echelon". of 1961, "Two forms in echelon". of 1961, made £7,800 (estimate £5,000 to £7,000) and a 1952 Henry Moore bronze "Recliming figure", \$1 inches long, made £7,200 (estimate £5,000 to £7,000). The remarkable feature of yesterday's sale was the strong prices for artists whose reputation has rial posts in the College, includ-ing Dean of Science (1971-73) and Vice Principal (1973-76). His research interests spanned a wide area including the stereochemistry of organic molecules, study of biologically-important compounds such as steroids and application of steroids, and application of chiroptical techniques to chemi-cal problems. He achieved not-able success in bringing order and coherence to this interdisciplinary area, reflected in a large number of published papers and reviews, a book.
The Chemistry of Steroids, and
a multi-volume Atlas of Stereochemical Correlations, first pub-

so rigorous as those he de-manded of hurself. He requi-lated his whole life by refer-ence to the service of science and of other people. In all this, he was much sup-ported by his wife Barbara (now Professor of Chemical Patho-logy, Institute of Child Health, University of London). Despite a crowded professional life, they had a quiet, nappy home, shared with a son and a daughter.

MRC Steroid Reference Collec-

tion (also supported by the United States National Insti-

tutes of Health) from which

samples are sent to research groups in all parts of the world.

groups in all parts of the world. Under his guidance, Westfield also became a nationally-supported centre for chiroptical studies. He served both the Chemical and Biochemical Societies for many years, and was honorary secretary of the former from 1966-72.

He was a man of integrity,

who commanded both respect and affection among his wide

circle of colleagues and co-workers. The standards of care and reliability that he required of others were high, but never

MR JOSEPH LLOYD BRERETON

November 11 at the age of 76. At the same time, in pursually inherited a family tradition of of his syndicate's policy, he had the task of adapting school had the task of suit the needs work in the field of education. His grandfather, who bore the same name, had been active in seme name, not been active in promoting the foundation of residential county schools for the children of the middle classes which would lead to classes which would lead to county colleges at the universities and his father, who had been educated at the County College at Cambridge (Cavendish College), was headmaster of the North-Eastern County School at Barnard Castle.

Joseph Lloyd Brereton was born on September 2, 1901, and educated at Barnard Castle School and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. After teaching at Repton he was appointed an assistant secretary of the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate, serving 19 years in that capacolleagues, the improvement of examining techniques, the development of syllabuses and the creation of machinery for examinations by a partnership between the schools and the

university.
In order to cope with the

Mr Joseph Lloyd Brereton, take over much of the work who died in Victoria, BC, on hitherto carried out manually. of the emergent countries of the Commonwealth and of assisting in the development of organizations in those countries which would assume responsibility for their own examina-tions. He was thus associated with the foundation and work of examinations councils in Sudan and West Africa and he drew up a scheme for one also in the West Indies. After his retirement he held a research

fellowship at the University of London in 1961-62. The essence of his thinking is contained in his books The Case for Examinations (1944) and Exams! Where Next? published in 1965 in British Columbia where he had taken Local Examinations Syndicate, serving 19 years in that capacity and then 16 years as general secretary until his retirement in 1961. Having inherited the family tradition of work in the field of education, he found in his duties full scope for his great energy and organizing ability. From the time of his appointment until 1945 he undertook, with his colleagues, the improvement of School Certificate and Higher study and for this reason, though by temperament a reformer, he championed the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations associated with a full the creation of machinery for balanced school course against the control of the syndicate's single-subject examination such as the GCE. In 1944 he was ahead of his time in advocating the establishment of school

In order to cope with the examining n a regional basis, the institution of national subdemands for the syndicate's services both at home and overseas he introduced in 1957 a data-processing system to the curriculum, and greater participation by teachers in the examining process.

#### THE REV J. B. MIDDLEBROOK

The Rev John Bailey Middle- Eaptist Missionary Society, prook, died at Maldon, Essex, on November 11 at the age of 83. Born in Bradford, he was educated at the Bradford Grammar School. At Rawdon College, Leeds, and Mansfield College, Oxford he studied theology in Oxford he studied theology in preparation for the ministry, proving himself to be a scholar of unusual ability. His studies were, however, interrupted by war service which came to an end when he was badly wounded and lost an arm. In 1923 he became minister of the New North Road Baptist Church, Huddersfield where he temained for almost recent remained for almost twenty years. He soon became well known in the town and county as an eloquent preacher, a devoted pastor, and a shrewd and wise administrator. In the years of depression he opened his church premises to the unemployed, providing a canteen and facilities for recreation. In 1942 he was invited to become Home Secretary of the

which post he held for twenty years until his retirement in 1962. He was an able advocate for overseas missions by speech and by writing, holding the Baptist churches of the British Isles in their support of the Society through years of change and stress. Among his published writings was a book on William Carey. He played his part in the leadership of the Conference of British Missionary Societies, and for three years was its chairman. In 1959 he became president of the Beptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance he became known to Baptists outside Britain and several times gave major addresses at Eaptist world congresses. After his retirement he was in succession chairman of the Baptist Ministers' Fellow-ship, president of the Bartist Men's Movement and chairman of the Baptist Missionary Society.

#### THE REV E. C. ALSTON

D. B. writes:

The Rev Edward Constable
Alston died after a short illness in Norwich at the age of 82.

He was born in 1895, the second son of the rector of Scrivelsby in Lincolnshire and, on his mother's side, he numbered among his forebears Sir John Franklin, the Arctic explorer.

At the age of 18, he sailed in South South and South

America as an apprentice, and then on a four-musted barque, the Jordan Hill, to Australia. and joined the 12th Battalion, 3rd Brigade ANZAC and took part in the first Gallipoli land-ing and in the arrack on Tasmania Point.

and among various incum- Alston.

#### Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr J. C. Dunning, a Cambrian
farmer, to be a member of the
Countryside Commission for three

Mr Robert Chantry-Price, chief examination officer, Local Govern-ment Training Board, to be secre-tary to the Society of Arts examination board from January. Mr. Archie MacMillan, Scottish

25 years ago:

From The Times of Monday, Nov 17, 1952

Hydrogen bomb From Our Correspondent Washington, Nov 16.—A cautiously worded statement by the United States Atomic Energy Commission today announced the end of a series of atomic weapon tests at Eniwerok atoll in the Pacific, including "experiments contributions to the measurements. ing to thermonuclear weapons re-view to possible search", which is taken to refer action or prosecution.

organizer of Equity, the actors' union, to be assistant secretary to head the variety department, in succession to Mr Michael Chottin, who is to be senior assistant secretary in charge of theatre. Miss Monica Foot, a journalist, is to be publicity and information officer. officer.

Mr Alan Gold, aged 33, to be director of publicity and appeals Department, Jewish Welfare Board, in succession to Mr Anthony Krais.

to the bydrogen bomb. The chairman of the commission, Mr. Gordon Dean, said in the announcement that "scientific executives for the rests have expressed satisfaction with the results". He declined to give a modification but, in walk to execute the control of the commission of the control of results." He declined to give amplification but, in reply to questions about letters from servicemen which have been arriving in the United States giving what purported to be eye-witness descriptions of an explosion many times research than previous atomic greater than previous atomic detonations, he said that investi-gations were proceeding with a view to possible disciplinas

41h, caught at Wretham, Nor-folk, in 1933. He was also an acknowledged expert on late eighteenth and nineteenth con-

tury sporting guns.
One of his hobbies was
making models of saling ships, He was twice married and is He took Holy Orders in 1923 survived by his widow, Lilfas

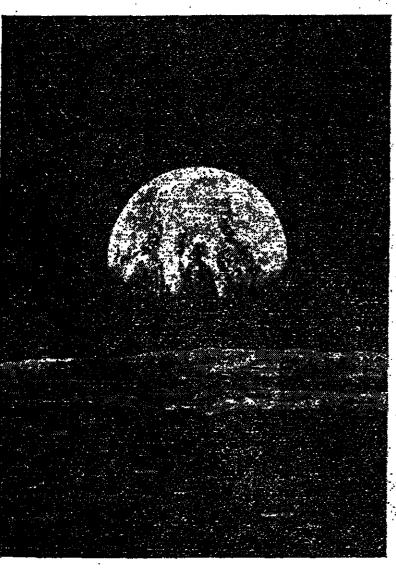
#### Today's engagements:

The Queen, the Duke of Edin-burgh and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attend service to mark seventy-fifth anniversary of institution of Order of Merit, Change Chapel Royal, St Jamests Palace, 12; attend function for Palace. 12; attend function for members of the order, 1; and reception for members of Diplomatic Corps, Buckingham Palace, 930.

The Duke of Edictioral, as President of Royal Society of Arts, presents presidential awards for design management, 3.30. He increases 1977 GEL Design County

presents presidential awards for deciga management, 3.30. He presents 1977 GEC/Design Council Schools Design Prize, Buck-thgham Palace, 4.30. Princess Alice Duchess of Glay-Custer presents placines to stinging leagues of the Quech's silver jubilee competition, National Association of Leagues of Hespital Friends, Owner

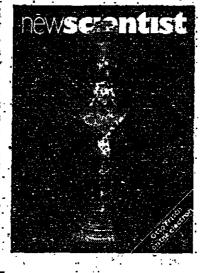
National Association of Leagues of Hospital Friends, Ounce Elizabeth Hall, 2.
The Duke of Kent, vice-chairman, Braish Overseas Trade Board, visits factories of Bartoline Ltd. and Reckitt and Colmen Ltd. during his export year visit to Humberside, 10.55.



# Do epidemics come from

Indeed, did terrestrial life itself arise from a cometary impact with the Earth four billion years ago? What nonsense! you may reply. Yet, as Professor Fred Hoyle and Chandra Wickramasinghe write exclusively in New Scientist this week, this apparently preposterous version of events is a real possibility. The two astronomers believe that the molecules essential to the evolution of living organisms originated in space. The surfaces of comets are ideal retorts for this kind of chemistry. Could the typically sudden onset of disease epidemics be due to the abrupt raining down on Earth of pathogenic organisms from closely passing

Our cover this week, a Victorian cathode-ray toy, underlines the long history of the discovery of the electron - a 40-year saga related by Professor Otto Frisch."



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#### Stock Exchange Prices

## **Subdued session**

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Nov 14. Dealings End, Nov 25. § Conrango Day, Nov 28. Settlement Day, Dec 6 § Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

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**BUSINESS NEWS** 



## British Leyland decentralized into four separate companies

Mr Michael Edwardes, the former Chloride Group chief who was appointed chairman and chief executive of British Leyland three weeks ago, yesterday announced management and structural changes aimed at further decentralizing the struggling state-owned motor group.

He also hinted at more changes to come.
There are few hig surprises in the new setup, bearing in mind Mr Edwardes's known preference for independent, profit accountable subsidiaries.

The four existing business groups— Leyland Cars, Leyland Truck & Bus, Leyland International and Leyland Special Products—are becoming registered limited liability companies under their existing managing directors. managing directors.

As such they will have to return properly documented annual accounts, a move which will effectively end the "masking" of individual performance in corporate returns.

Mr Edwardes himself will be chairman of all but Special Products. There the cheir goes to Mr Alex Park, British Leyland's former chief executive and now an executive vice-chairman.

The present 13-strong main board dis-The present 13-strong main board disappears to be replaced by a smaller sevenman board. The present heads of the four operating companies lose their seats and only two of the five outside board members are retained—Sir Robert Clark, chief executive of Hill Samuel and Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of Lehman International Incorporated.

Dr. Alcon Conjugators former discourse of

Dr Alcon Copisarow, former director of McKinsey & Co, Mr John Gardiner chief executive of the Laird Group and Lord Greenhill of Harrow, the former head of the Diplomatic Service, all lose their seats.

Lord Greenhill will act in an advisory

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capacity to the board and serve as a nonexecutive director of Leyland International

to good use.

The new subsidiary boards are all composed of existing local executives with the addition in each case of Mr Par Lowry, corporate personnel chief, and Mr Gerry Wright, corporate finance director. Apart from these two, the board members are: Leyland Cars with headquarters at Coventry: Mr Michael Edwardes (chairman), Mr Derek Whittaker (managing director), Mr David Andrews, Mr Colin Daniel, Mr Spencer King and Mr Geoffrey Whalen. A company secretary is still to be appointed.

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Leyland Truck & Bus with headquarters at Leyland; Mr Edwardes (chairman), Mr Desmond Pincher (managing director), Mr Peter McGrath, Mr Harold Musgrove, Mr Allen Russell, Mr Frank Saundry, Mr Jack Smart, Mr Marcus Smith and Mr Neil Sollivan

Sullivan.
Leyland Special Products with headquarters at Melton Mowbray; Mr. Alex
Park (chairman), Mr. David Abell (managing director), Mr. Brian Hoare, Mr. Bill
Sneddon and Mr. Christopher Hall.
Leyland International with headquarters
at Solihull: Mr. Edwardes (chairman),
Mr. David Andrews (managing director).
Mr. Dennis Bexson, Mr. Bert Lawrence, Mr.
Jack Reardan, and Mr. Graham Whitehead.
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Also, Mr Edwardes is creating an advisory board and three powerful cor-porate panels or committees similar to those operated so successfully in recent

The advisory board comprises the heads of the four operating companies with 2 leavening of corporate staff. It will provide a forum at which all overall problems and opportunities can be debated and action programmes put

A strategy panel will determine how A strategy panel will determine how best to implement the decisions and policies of the main board. Its membership has still to be announced. A management resources panel will decide on appointments, career development, utilization and succession of key executives. Its membership, also, has still to be announced.

executives. Its membership, also, has still to be announced.

An investment panel chaired by Mr Park will review and recommend capital expenditure plans and budgets that exceed limits set for the subsidiary companies. Members will be drawn from the advisory board. Heads of subsidiaries will not be able to vote on their own proposals.

Mr Park, as an executive vice-chairman, will become responsible for central operations including finance, corporate planning, legal services and audit.

Mr John McKay, Mr Edwardes's former public relations chief at Chloride, joins British Levland as communications adviser to the chairman.

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Yesterday's announcement also confirmed reports that Mr Edwardes will run the corporation from Nuffield House in Piccadilly and will close the present headquarters block in Marylebone Road. A number of corporate staff will move to the new headquarters in the next few weeks. Others will be offered posts in the operating companies.

cperating companies.

The spectre of redundancies is raised by the statement that the remainder will continue "for the time being" in Meryle-bone Road.

#### Signs point to increase in wages bill well above government limit

Average earnings increased by only 0.3 per cent in Sep-tember; but it is now clear that the increase in the total wages bill is likely to be significantly above the 10 per cent target; which the Government has set for the present wages

round.

Four out of five workers who would have been expected to settle in the period since August 1, when the new pay round began, have hung back from any agreement notified to the Department of Employ-

Of those who have settled—
31 per cent of the total workforce—35 per cent have done
so within the government guideso when the government guide-lines, the Department says.

This figure is much lower than the figure of 96 per cent quoted last week by Mr Healey on the basis of information provided by the Confederation of British Industry.

The department has required

The department has received no notification of any major group settling for significantly below the 10 per cent figure, even though the Chancellor has made it clear that, for earnings to work out at around 10 are cent higher over the 10 per cent higher over the bargaining year, settlements would have to average around 5 to 6 per cent. This would require some settlements to be

The Employment Department's figures also greatly underestimate the extent to which pay will exceed the government guidelines in another way. They assume that treases in earnings later in the settlements of 10 per cent with the settlement of their manual employees.

There is, however, also a significant element of delay on the workers' side, which is government guidelines in the settlement of the settlemen another way. They assume that settlements of 10 per cent with a productivity deal on top conform to the guidelines, whereas some of the productivity the backlog of pay settlements arrangements being entered into will turn out to be bogus.

Some of the slippage which has resulted in only half a mil-more than the £4-a-week max-

**AVERAGE EARNINGS** 

The following are the index numbers for average earnings of all employees in all industries and services covered by the monthly earnings inquiry released by the Department of Employment:

_	of average earnings" (Jan 1970 = 100)	of average earningst (Jan 1976 = 100)	(1) over 3 months at annual ised rate
1975			
Sept	266.1	108.3	12.0
Oct	269.0	108.5	8.0
Nov	272.2	110.6	7.7
Dec	277.1	111.3	17.6
1977			
Jan	278.1	110.9	14.2
Feb	278.7	111.0	9.9
March		111.3	10.0
April	283.1	113.1	7.4
May	286.3	114.9	11.4
June	286.2	115.4	4.2
July	286.5	116.2	6.1
Aug	288.7	115.7	7.2
Sept p		116.5	4.7

hion people settling since August instead of the nearly three million who settled in the equivalent period last year is caused by tough negotia-tions, particularly between focal authorities and their

imum allowed under that phase of incomes policy. There are signs that some of these workers, at least, may have been able to negotiate extra pay rises on "productivity" arounds.

In spite of all the delay in ettlements, the percentage increase in average earnings was higher in the 12 months to September than in the 12 months to August, the first time that the annual rate of increase has gone up since

On the old series of figures, which started in January, 1970, and which covers six million workers the increase is 8.8 per cent; the new series which has been introduced covering 10 million workers shows a 7.5

There are clear signs with a Whitehall that concern is growings once again about the way in which the wage round is developing. The Government exerted all its efforts to prevent an explosion in pay in the weeks immediately succeeding the ending of phase two.

These efforts were success

These efforts were successful; but several months of difficulty are expected, with some sharp increases likely and a growth of about 15 per enfor the year as a whole seen by many in Whitchall as the most likely out-turn.

No indication as to whether this is likely to turn out to be correct can be gleaned from the figures for basic weekly wage rates published yesterday, which show a negligible rise in October. The wage rate index takes account only of nationally negotiated rates, and is distorted into meaninglessess by the fact that no national settlement has been made for the engineering in-dustry since February, 1976.

#### Steel chief's refusal to set out options upsets MPs

By George Clark Political Correspondent

In bitter exchanges with MPs of the Select Committee of Nationalized Industries about the crisis in the British steel industry, Sir Charles Villiers; chairman of the British Steel Corporation, vesterday refused to go into the options being discussed with the unions and the Government to avoid the continued heavy losses, now running at about 2500m a year.

Mr Edwin Wainwright,
Labour MP for Dearne Valley,
chairman of the sub-committee
examining the steel industry's prospects, had accused Sir
Charles of giving misleading
information to the Select Committee in May, and had protested that the MPs could not
hope to produce a worthwhile hope to produce a worthwhile report unless they were made privy to the present discus-

Sir Charles stood by the constitutional position. He said the corporation had a sponsoring department, with officials whose whole-time job was to concentrate on these problems. He would be prepared to come to the committee with Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, at some later date. "But I would not be willing to give a one-sided view of nego-tiations which are now in full flood", he said. "If it were thought helpful to have a meet-ing with my-elf and Mr Varley together I would be willing to play my part.

"But I am one of the parties to an agreement to try quietly to solve this huge problem.
Honestly, I am not—short of
the Tower of London—going to
break that agreement."

This was obviously a refer-This was obviously a reler-ence to the fact that the Select Committee, if it got the approval of the Commons, could attempt to compel Sir Charles to give the information they want under threat of being accused of contempt of Parlia-

After nearly a two-hour sussion, the sclect committee adjourned for 10 minutes' deliberation and then audeliberation and then attnounced that they would go
into private session. Sir
Charles and his officials returned to the committee
room. But he had said firmly,
in advance, that he would not
be able to say in private any
more than he had done in
public.

He was asked in open session

He was asked in open session to indicate the relative importance which BSC gives to the closure of plant to improved manning performance, and to a cutback in investment. One MP had suggested that there might be large-scale redundancies. Sir Charles said that he was not going to emphasize any option: it was a "mix" of all the options that was now being dis-

cussed.

"I appreciate your diffi-culty", he told the MPs. "I believe I can count on your understanding that I also have some difficulty in running the British Steel Corporation.

"My enormous difficulty, which I beg you to take on board, is that if the Government, the unions and the cor-poration cannot come to an agreement on what should be agreement on what should be done, the whole prospect is infinitely dimmer. . . A three-way merger or a tripartite agreement is very difficult to achieve and I am most anvious from the country's point of the

view not to give hostages to-day which may make this immensely difficult business more difficult."

Sir Charles thought some progress was being made towards an agreement and he hoped that

Mr Variey would be able to announce the term, before the Christmas recess

## Directors responsibilities still to be spelt out

By Maurice Corina and

Edward Townsend Fundamental revision of the articles of association of British Leyland is expected to follow yesterday's announcement. Bankers and creditors are also likely to seek early clarification of the responsibilities of direc-tors of the new companies. Minority shareholders holding about 5 per cent of British Leyland's equity against the National Enterprise Board's 95 per cent holding will also need to be consulted.

to be consulted.

the present Leyland company, ment and a new formed 21 years ago, make it strategy document. clear that there is no government guarantee to creditors of cation about the any NEB subsidiary unless the Government has undertaken a specific commitment in relation to particular debts.

The position is that the NEB's own relationship to Leyland creditors must have regard to the practice of companies in the private sector. The NEB, however, has power to guaran-tee obligations incurred by Ley-

Washington, Nov 16.—
America favours the appointment of M Jacques de Larosière, the French Treasury Director, as managing director of the International Monetary Fund, United States officials said to-

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With this backing and that

of other major industrial nations it is expected that M de

SHARE INDICES



Mr Leslie Murphy,

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MPs will be seeking clarifi-cation about the company's capital needs and investment strategy. Mr Varley, Sec-retary of State for Industry, has not intervened in the initial shake-up by Mr Edwardes leaving approval to the NEB, the

Mr Leslie Murphy, chairman of the NEB, was consulted by Mr Edwardes, bimself a former NEB member, and his reorganization received the unanimous The accounts of the NEB approval of the board, even were qualified by its auditors though the legal details and finearlier this year by a note that ancial structures of the new

Dr Witneveen said earlier this year that he planned to retire from the top IMF post by August 31.

ing in Washington in Septem-

ber, various possible candidates

have been mentioned for the

post, but it appears that M de Larosière has become almost a

Since the IMF's annual meet-

NEB chairman: We welcome the have been endorsed

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Public Accounts Committee report dealing with the NEB.
This makes it clear that the
Treesury and the Department of Industry hope to establish financial duties in respect of the NEB's investment in British Leyland when it receives from the NEB its corporate plan.

The Treasury minute explains in Leyland's case for the Government to insist on the achieve-ment of fully competitive standards of performance throughout the motor group before further public, funds were released. does promise MPs that they will be kept fully informed about decisions to make available further sums of public aid

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Road, taken over in 1974 on a 21-year lease, will be shut down headquarters staff who work for the international business will be redeployed to the Midlands. It is believed that the new Nuffield House headquarters in the Piccadilly area will house a staff of between 50 and 100 A small central services unit, called Leyland Management Services, is to operate from separate premises in London. Mr Edwardes's next task is to be rewriting the Leyland cor-porate plan by early next year, for scruting by the NEB which needs to make recommendations to Mr Varley on financing. In the meantime, the existing time-table for tranches of aid is

# Seagram in £34m bid

By Christopher Wilkins
Seagram, the Canadian concern which claims to be the
world's largest producer and
marketer of distilled spirits and
wines, has moved to stnengthen
its position in the which in-

per cent stake in Glenlivet owned by Courage, the brewery business of Imperial Group, at 440p a share, or £92m, together with its holding of convertible

The two companies have had close business links. Seagrain has distributed The Glenlivet, a 12-year-old malt whisky, in the United States for some years. Glenlivet's other main brands are Glen Grant, Queen Anne, Something Special and Sr Leger, while Seagram pro-duces Chivas Regal, 100 Pipers

depend on the attitude of Suntory, a leading Japanese distiller, which owns 10.1 per cent. Glenlivet supplies substantial quantities of bulk malt whisky to Japan. The directors of Glenlivet control less than 3 per cent of the company.

Seagram's move is yet further evidence of the interest of the leading drinks companies in acquiring small distillers. Last year Allied Breweries acquired year Allied Breweries acquired

# for Glenlivet group

reveal its hand earlier than it would have liked. It felt obliged to announce its bid after a rapid run-up in the share price from 325p to 430p amid much speculation. The scale of the speculation. The scale of the price rise, although apparently reflecting only modest dealing, is bound to raise demands for a Stock Exchange inquiry. The 27 per cent Courage stake gives Seagram a powerful base from which to mount an offer but much will also its position in the whisky industry with a £34m bid for Glendivet Distillers.

It yesterday acquired the 27

with its holding of convertible loan stock for a further £743,000. It then notified the Glenlivet board that it intended to make a bid for the rest of the shares, subject to the recom-mendation of the directors.

and Passport.

It was clear last night that
Seagram, advised by Morgan
Grenfell, has been forced to

year Allied Breweries acquired Teacher, while earlier Whitheread had bought Long John.
Glenlivet, has continued to move ahead. Last year its profits rose from £2.18m to £3.36m, and in the first half of this year were up from £1.2m to £1.54m.

interest rates towards the end of the year if money supply tain to be above the top end of the 9 to 13 per cent target band set by the Government. The public commitment by the Governor of the Bank of England and the Chancellor to

There is still a substantial undertow of opinion both at the Bank and the Treasury that

cent ceiling for the financial year as a whole.

With the floating of the pound effectively insulating the money supply from the effects of capital in flows, attention is now turning towards the likely course of the domestic influences on the money supply

There is 1 growing certainty

twould rather accept money supply expansion slightly above the target range—say 15 per cent—rather than tisk destroying recovery entirely.

Supporters of this view argue that what is important is to keep an effective grip on money supply so that it does

nominal gap while not sacrificing all to achieve a rigid

this year's target is, however, so firm and has played such a central role in the restoration of financial confidence that great effort will be expended to ensure that they are met. However, there is a determination not to be faced with the same difficulties next year. From then, money supply tar-gets will be expressed in a "rolling" form, to avoid the present situation where towards the end of the year the authori-

ties can be faced with a last-minute dash to get within the prescribed limits.
The target range is likely to be set wider because of tech-nical problems in trying to hit

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#### Larosière's appointment as suc-cessor to Dr Johannes Witte-veen will be decided before the certainty because of strong support for him among major West European countries.—APend of the vear.

Frenchman tipped for IMF

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Main points from the circulated Statement of Mr. G. R. C. McDowell, for the year ended 30th June 1977.

There has been a healthy growth of turnover, with a corresponding rise in profit figures, despite the economic problems which have beset the nation. Compared with the previous year an uplift of 45% in sales has been echieved to give a record profit before tax figure of £1,864,938. With these improved results the Directors recommend the payment of the maximum Dividend allowed, giving a Final Dividend of 12.5863p per share which, together with the Interim Dividend of 4p, makes a total distribution of 16.5863p per share. This Final Dividend takes into consideration the latest tax adjustme the standard rate of tax was reduced from 35% to 34%.

\* Export sales have shown a substantial improvement over the previous year, nounting to a 103% increase in turnover.

# in November 1976 the Company acquired its first subsidiery, Clifton Engineers (Lytham) Ltd., who are engaged in general metal fabrication; in particular the manufacture of cabinets for electrical control gear. This production capacity will provide manufacturing assistance for our projected expanded range of products. John Nissim Ltd., a small printing company associated with Clifton Engineers, was also acquired.

\* In my Statement last year I mentioned that a Director was being made responsible for the development programme and this has been carried out.

This has allowed for a considerable increase in the development activity of the Company. As a result we will be in a position to introduce a range of 3 phase distribution boards during the current financial year. The manufacture of these products utilises the resources of our Clifton subsidiary as well as those of the Wylex production lines. Their introduction will increase the Company's involvement in commercial and industrial markets, expanding the Company's base into wider fields than we have traditionally held.

£1,327,580 £1,884,938 Profit before taxation. £700,258 £953,181 Taxation E627,322 £911,757 14.85p

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Dividends per share (net) -

#### Unilever shares dip after profits setback

By Our Financial Staff Profits from Unilever, the giant Anglo-Dutch food and consumer products group, for the third quarter were a

sharp disappointment to the stock market yesterday, and the shares fell 22p to 542p.

Against analysts' estimates of between £160m to £180m profits before tay for the three months. before tax for the three months, the figures emerged 16 per cent lower at £153.1m, while sales rose 10 per cent to £2.418m, largely as a result of price increases

the current year, profits were down 5 per cent at £455.1m, and earnings per share were 7 per cent lower.

The company says that in comparison with the same period in 1976 the September quarter was poor. Overall vol-ume rose by only 1 per cent and there was a decline in Europe. Disappointing results were received in ice cream and

animal feeds as a result of the

wet summer, and oil milling was

badly affected by reduced de-mand for feed. North America, however, accounting for round a tenth of turnover, benefited both from higher tea prices and a switch from coffee to tea by American drinkers as a result of the even deerer coffee. The declared interim dividend for the whole concern is maintained at the 1976 level of 11.6p per share gross, but be cause of United Kingdom dividend restraint only 7.1p gross is payable to British share-holders. The balance will be added to the existing fund to be paid out when restrictions are lifted. This now amounts

to 31\{\psi}v. Financial Editor, page 21 Barclays cuts personal loans rate to 14.93 pc

Barclays Bank is reducing the interest rate on personal loans. From next Monday the rate will be 14.93 per cent. against the 16.65 per cent that has been charged since last April. Since then base rate has dropped by a third to 6 per

#### Whitehall studies money growth curbs By David Blake and Caroline Atkinson that it will be necessary to raise not far exceed the rise in

the 9 to 13 per cent target band If an increase in interest rates fails to bring growth rates fails to bring growth within the limits, as some beprospect of at least another month's overshoot in statistics remaining open to the Government be published in December, are leading to an intensive really tight "corset" on bank study at both the Treasury and the Bank of England on whether there are acceptable were in which the money recovery. whether there are acceptable ways in which the money suppy growth can be brought back down under the 13 per For the first nine months of cent ceiling for the financial

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Equities made a late rally. Glit-edged securities scored small

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gains,
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#### Move to end inter-union bank feud By Christopher Thomas

An inquiry is almost certain to be set up to try to end a long inter-union feud in the English clearing banks. The initiative has come from the employers, in an attempt to prevent a total collapse of the present bargaining structure. The conflict is between the National Union of Bank Em-ployees and the staff associa-tions in Lloyds, National Westoffer; but much will also mineter and Barrlane Traditionally they have shared bar-

gaining rights, but Nube has given notice of its withdrawal from the joint machinery. In proposing an independent inquiry, Mr Edward Richards, director/secretary of the Federa-tion of London Clearing Bank Employers, said: "We recognize that a situation has now been reached in which there is a danger of a complete breakdown in negotiating procedures.

The terms of reference being recommended are: "To investi-gate the whole question of staff representation and negotiation procedures in the major London clearing banks, and to report with recommendations."

The national executive of Nube, meeting this week, has accepted the principle of an inquiry but wants the word "major" deleted to ensure that all the big five clearers are Mr Leif Mills, Nube general

secretary, said yesterday: "In my view the inquiry should

recommend positive steps whereby the staff association can merge with us The three staff associations have decided to seek further information from their respective banks and to report next Wednesday to the Confedera-tion of Bank Staff Associations.

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market group, at Llandudpo in

Wales, which was almost totally destroyed in August, 1976 losing

all business for more than six

Traders stress urgency of fire risk

High Street fears for

Christmas stocks

After three days without fire brigade protection, High Street traders are more apprehensive

than ever about the threat of

fire damage. Directives urging special vigilance have been sent

out to staff by most of the big retail multiple stores, including Marks & Spencer and Wool-

Trade groups headed by the

Retail Consortium are keeping in close contact with members

in case further action is required. A number of traders

have informally discussed the

possibility of collectively hiring

fire fighting devices, and most have purchased new extingui-

shers, fire buckets, hoses and

other portable apparatus.
But the main emphasis has been on prevention. Retailers, most of which have large and

most of which have large and valuable supplies of goods in stock prior to Christmas, are particularly auxious to avoid any loss of business during a difficult trading year.

Security patrols within the existing 24-hour watch have been ordered by the Breut Cross Tenants Association. Mr Peter Stillwell, chairman of the association and manager of the Marks & Spencer branch at Brent Cross, says that the patrols have been asked to keep

rols have been asked to keep a particular watch to see that hazards such as piles of rubbish are not built up during the period of the strike.

Newly built stores and shopping centres such as Brent

Newly built stores and snop-ping centres such as Brent Cross have been equipped with automatic sprinkler systems, which in theory are capable of extinguishing fires quickly with-

out brigade help. But even so the trade suffered 100 large fires each costing more than £25,000 last year.

The collective loss to retailers as estimated by the Fire Protec-

tion Association, an organization financed by the insurance com-panies, whose function is to

advise industry on protection measures, amounted to £8.7m in

1976. Among the largest of these was suffered by the Asda hyper-

By Michael Baily

worth

## TUC says textile free-for-all can ruin Europe's clothing industries

European textile trade unions gave warning here today that any further concessions by the EEC to exporting countries would "ruin for good" the Community's clothing indus-

After talks with Mr Tran measures, which s Van Thinb, the EEC's chief tex- as a last resort. tile negotiator, the unions issued a declaration that continued refusal by the main textile suppliers to compromise should be remedied by unilateral restrictive measures from the beginning of next

Mr Peter Lowman, of Bri-tain's National Union of Of textiles to the Community, Hosiery and Knitwear Workers, accounting for 15 per cent of told journalists that the TUC ment that if current negotia-tions failed and the EEC was refusing to accept the Com-munity's offer as a basis for munity's offer as a basis for be imposed under article 19 of

action by the EEC as a whole would be preferable to national measures, which should be kept

At a press conference, Mr Tran said the European Commission had already begun redistributing to smaller suppliers some "small quantities" of the import quota of 138,000 tonnes originally offered to

total imports.

Honekong broke off talks negotiation. Mr Tran said: The longer we wait for them

"A free-for-all next year would be ruitous for the European textile industry", Mr Lowman said. Trade unions were agreed, however, that action by the EEC as a whole exporting countries which wrongly claim the benefit from developing country status" and competitiveness dewhose pended "exclusively upon ex-ploitation of their labour

> force ". countries. In such unions said, industralization had caused unemployment in importing countries, since most of their textile output was destined for export, without in any way improving the living stan-The only people who benefited were investors.

Mr Tran urged India, the EEC's second-biggest supplier, table before it was too late.

## of dissent on ED 19

Clearing bankers will meet the Accounting Standards Committee, the rule-making body to prevent their being forced to give information which would disclose their general bad debt provisions.

The requirements would lead to a highlighting of clearing banks' bad debts provisions, up to now a closely guarded secret, are contained

While welcoming the general principle of ED19, that pro-vision should only be made for

The banks were particularly concerned with a requirement in the proposed standard to analyse and disclose, by way of a note, all potential amounts of

dence", the committee's note said, "and with the approval of the banks' auditors, these of the banks authors, mis-figures are not at present dis-closed and it is strongly be-lieved that to do so would be inappropriate and undesirable." If agreement is not reached with the ASC, the bankers would have to risk having their accounts qualified Freightliners head for BR 49 per cent) traffic has grown from fewer than 300,000 to more than 700,000 containers a Freightliners is expected to year, and turnover from £6m to £40m.

forward routine evacuation drills to the beginning of this week, and all staff members

urged to keep a special watch

on danger areas such as ash-trays and electrical appliances.

able. Numerous small fires are

15 fires last year, which caused £25,000 or more worth of

special emergency advertising

campaign in newspapers, tele-

Patricia Tisdall

Staff was reduced 8 per cent to 2,300 last year and a £1 in trading loss converted into a £1.3m profit, progress which the NFC expects to continue this year. But British Rail argues it could do even better by integrating. Projected from the continue that the could be seen to be a second to

integrating Freightliners Accused by Opposition speak-

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Investing in the film industry

From Mr J. Lawrence Sir, Naturally we in the British

film industry are delighted According to the FPA over 60 per cent of fires in business premises break out at night that more finance is being made available to the industry, with the most likely cause of at least in the future at some conflagration being electrical equipment such as space point. However, it must be said that within the industry itself, heaters, lights and wires and there are some doubts as to At Woolworth, where its whether the National Film Colchester branch suffered ex-Finance Corporation is the tensive fire damage some years ago, Mr Michael Sherlock, the right type of organ to carry out investment and loans for the making of feature fukus on sales director, said yesterday that every store in the group was now meticulously checked behalf of, among others, the after closing time.
The hotel industry, which has

Indeed the significant feature in relation to the Queen's speech is not that Government collectively spent around £100m to comply with the 1971 Fire policy with regard to the NFFC was spelled out but that Protection Act suffered 26 large fires last year, according to the not one single member of the FPA. Total damage as calculated by insurers assessors amounted to over £1.4m. House of Commons saw fit to bring up the subject of the industry in the debate on the Queen's Speech. Trust Houses Forte, largest of

the hotel groups, said yesterday that it had warned all staff about the firemen's strike. Managers have asked to bring Clearly, the film industry is not the only one in crisis, and members may well consider it to be of a lower order of priority than, say, the fishing industry, energy or education. Be that as it may, the feature film industry is of vital importance to the future of Britain, both as an independ-Kitchens, prticularly those using deep fat frying tech-niques are especially vulnerent cultural unit with its own language and customs, and as a part of the European comcaused in restaurant and café

munity. kitchens, but usually these are put out before extensive damage is caused. The FPA estimates that there were only In the last 10 years the industry has been in decline and crisis. Opinion is that new methods of film making need to be tried, and that the business executives of the industry damage in this sector, amounting to a total of £895,000.

On general fire prevention, the Home Office is mounting a

From Mr N. E. Carter

Sir, The article "Lords con-demn EEC directive on com-

mercial agents as inflexible and

distorting competition" (Octo-ber 31) by George Clark, pre-

sumably refers to the House of Lords' fifty-first report-Select

Committee on the European Communities (267) published by

Her Majesty's Stationery Office

—75p net.

The report is on the evidence given to the committee, the Lord Diplock in the chair, on Tuesday June 14 and at which meeting I not only gave evidence on behalf of British Manufacture and the state of th

facturers' Agents but also called

as witnesses lawyers represent-

ing our sister organizations in the EEC under the umbrella of

Directive on commercial agents

philosophies and selection pro-

Sir John Terry continues to demand for the NFFC more finance, more money, which to outside observers might look like the action of a goldfish circling round and round in its bowl never finding out what lies outside, and concerned only with the well-oiled opera-tion of its jaw muscles.

The outside observer, who may well be a large institu-tional investor seeking new fields of activity, is unlikely to be impressed by an industry which continuously calls for Government funds, and might with good reason ask itself, if the NFFC has been investing in films since 1949, why has it not got any money to invest now? While the answer to this question may not as yet be clear, one thing is certain, and that is that it is not because film is a bad investment.

I believe the Government is right to withhold funds from the NFFC. What is needed first is a thorough overell servicing in the industry backed by legislation to ensure greater flexibility between producer, marketer and exhibitor, greater trust between producer and marketer, and an increase of confidence on the part of the bureaucracy in the inherent common sense of the film makers themselves. Yours sincerely.

JOHN LAWRENCE. John Lawrence Phillips Productions Limited, 23 Oppidans Road, London NW3 3AG.

sels evoked some criticism by

the select committee but the heading to Mr Clark's article is

a gross exaggeration and does not even mention the fact that

the select committee recom-mended that their report should

be debated in the House of

The debate in the House of Lords is in fact scheduled to

take place on Tuesday, November 22 next, and it is to be

hoped that the report in your newspaper will be more accu-

rate than was the case on this

Secretary, The Manufacturers' Agants

OCCASION.

Association,

Yours faithfully, N. E. CARTER,

Majestic House.

Staines, Middlesex TW18 4DF.

#### Why architects' fees should stay mandatory

From Mr Ivor Hall Sir, Your article in The Times of November 10 prompts me to give my support to the RIBA in their objection to the standard fee scale not being mandatory. It may be that the whole basis of the scale may need changing, but if a free for all. situation is allowed to develop, then the "cowboys" in our midst (and there is that element in all professional bodies who are prepared to work from home using cheap student or freelance labour as and when they wish, who could quite easily undercut the profersionally secup office with higher overbeads) would prosper and an inevitable erosion of the quality of work and level of professionalism would

Although I do not use the RIBA scale of fees myself as my own work relates to com-mercial interior and exhibition design work, as a member of the RIBA I am able to do so and in the end, in order to protect the client, an RIBA scale of iees must remain man-

34 Bisham Gardens, London N6 6DD.

#### Illusory gains

From Mr Alon P. Hughes
Sir, "Indexing capital gains to
take account of inflation would
incur costs of the order of
£250m..." reads your "In
brief" column of November 12,
adding that the present yield of
CGT is £330m.
Would it not give a less dis-

Would it not give a less distorted view if you had said that "the present yield from CGT is £330m. Of this only £80m represent." sents tax on capital gains proper, while £250m represents tax extracted on quite illusory gains, a purely paper profit produced by inflation" ALAN P. HUGHES, 136 Northey Avenue,

Surrey SM2 7HG.

#### CBI conference

From Mr Ian B. Robertson Sir, The dull, unconvincing per-formance of the CBI speakers shown on BBC News on Monday

makes one understand why the trades union movement has such a large following.

If our industrial leaders went to the same acting school as some of our left-wing fanatics then perhaps the management view would get through to the "Man-in-the-Street." Yours truly, IAN B. ROBERTSON,

Vice-president, International Division, G. H. Wood & Company G. H. Woon & 1-2 Mulgrave Court, Mulgrave Road. Sutton SM2 6LF,

#### Steel unions spur for incentives

By Our Labour Editor Steel union leaders yesterday deplored the state industry's slowness in reviving producti-vity bargaining, put on ice by the Government's pay policy

two year sago. Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, has given the go-ahead for self-financing incentive schemes to he negotia-Trades Confederation has criticized the British Steel Corporation for "dragging its feet" on the issue.

Mr Bill Sirs, general secre-tary of the ISTC, said his lay executive's anger over British Steel's negotiating tardiness might spill over into a refusal to cooperate on economy measures designed to reduce the industry's enormous finan-

The productivity bargaining issue becomes all the more pressing becaus ea pay claim for 70,000 workers employed under the heavy steel industry agreement is being drawn up on November 30. British Steel has offered 6 per cent plus incre-mental rises for 26,000 white-collar warkers. This has been

Mr Sirs said last night that his executive's disappointment over the lack of progress in productivity bargining "will ob-viously motivate their actions" in today's debate on the BSC proposals to transfer the diminishing workload to low-cost plants from unprofitable

Steel chief upset MPs, page 19 | elected deputy chairmen.



in 1969

#### Mr Ian Findlay named as Lloyd's chairman

Mr Ian Findlay, chairman of Sedgwick Forbes, the insur-ance brokers, has been appointed chairman of Lloyd's with effect from January 1. Mr Findlay, who is 59, takes over from Sir Havelock Hudson, who is stepping down after three years in office. He has been a vice-president of the Corporation of Insurance Rokers for several years and Brokers for several years and was chairman of the Lloyd's Insurance Brokers' Association

He has been a member of the Lloyd's Committee since

At a meeting of the commit-tee yesterday Mr Adam Gray and Mr Charles Gibb were

# Banks' note

By Nicholas Hirst

of the accountancy profession early next month in an attempt

within the proposed accounting standard on deferred taxation, known as Exposure Draft 19.

vision should only be made for deferred tax if the liability is likely to arise in the forseeable future, the Committee of London Clearing Banks submitted a note of dissension to the Accounting Standards Committee during the exposure period of the draft standard.

" For reasons of banking pru-

be returned to British Rail despite denials by Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, in the Commons yester-day, that any decision had been Such a decision would almost

certainly be seen as Govern-ment bowing to pressure from the rail unions, since it is diffi-cult to justify it in any other

In the eight years since control of Freightliners was handed over to the National Freight Corporation (with 51 per cent compared with British Rail's

ers of ignoring the consumer the International Union of Com-interest to appease Labour and trade union pressures, Mr Rodgers said ministers had made no decision on the issue. The International Union of Com-interest to appease Labour and trade union pressures, Mr Naturally the Draft Directive by the Social Affairs Commit-tee of the Commission in Brus-

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# A tangible end product

"Not only is there a tangible end product in production terms as a result of the provision of sheltered employment, but Remploy helps to develop the mental and physical capacities of our disabled employees."



Abridged particulars from the Directors' Report and Accounts for 1976-77. Regarding current trading and

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We have, however, succeeded in keeping within the 'cash limits' imposed by the

than 2,500 disabled people. The Leather and Textile Products Group continued its expansion and sales amounted to over £6 million, an increase of £1.1 million or 23%. This Group manages 25 factories and

employs over 2,000 disabled people. The Packaging and Assembly Group improved its sales by £1.3 million to 17.4 million, or by 21%, and now



employs nearly 3,500 disabled people in its 33 factories. The income arising from The Blind

Advisory Service Group's chargeable services amounted to £95,000. Direct exports last year amounted to a 30% increase on the previous year. In this current financial year we again have to live within 'cash limits' and we are aiming at a sales turnover of just under £27 million and an average

labour force of about 8,150 severely disabled people." Copies of the full Report and Accounts are available from the Secretary Remploy Limited, Remploy House, 415 Edgware Road, Cricklewood, London NW26LR. Telephone: 01-452 8020.



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## Talk of re-imposing the 'corset'

The largest volume of business in financial markets yesterday was probably in bets on the England v. Italy march. That apart, there was little doing. Equities drifted listlessly downwards, not helped by yet more disappointing company results, before coming off the bottom as the afternoon wore on. Short gifts continued to make headway, partly on hopes that short-term interest rates will hold their present low levels for a little longer, and partly on the back of further switching out of the Transpors 4 per cent stock due for redemption just before Christmas.

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By and large, though, markets are waiting for developments on the labour front, waiting for this afternoon's money supply figures for the month to mid-October, and waiting for the first hint of the way next week's discussions are going with the visiting IMF team.

As far as the money supply goes, the assumption is that the October figures will be running some way ahead of Government targets, leaving the main point of interest as to just how far ahead and what, if anything, the authorities propose to do about it.

Some people are already thinking in terms of an imminent resurrection of the "corset" to slow the rate of growth in bank deposits—the major component in the money supply figures.

The authorities may feel that it is rather

too early to be contemplating fresh measures. First, they probably feel that it will take some weeks before one can really assess the beneficial impact of the sterling float on monetary growth. Second, they probably want to get through the overall strategy discussions with the IMF before they start to consider specific measures. Finally, they will be hoping that sentiment and available liquidity in the gilt market improves enough over the coming weeks to allow the whole of the new Treasury 10 per cent, 1992, stock to be sold. If that can be done, the situation could well be considered to be adequately under control as Christmas approaches. If not ....

#### Unilever

#### European demand remains weak

Unilever's third quarter contributed to a dull equity market yesterday, but even after a sharp 22p fall, Unilever's shares at 542p are 8.4 per cent higher than they were when better than expected second quarter figures were published in August, while over the same period the FT-index has shown a net gain of only 1.7 per cent. But unless Unilever can pull something out of the bag in the fourth quarter that relative strength will be under pressure.



Sir David Orr, chairman of Unilever Ltd.

A 24 per cent drop in operating profits in the latest quarter still needs to be put in perspective however. Unilever's first quarter was up 6 per cent, the second 13 per cent, and the third quarter last year was particularly strong. In contrast a 60 to 70 per cent drop in edible spot oil prices between May and August this time created stock losses instead of the profits of the second three months.

So the 12 per cent decline for the nine months is perhaps a better guide for the year. The worrying factor, though, is slack volume in Europe, and consequent pressure on margins, which from the split between Ltd and NV attributable profits, looks to have had a fairly severe effect on the Continent

With raw material prices, having stabilized, not too much worry on the wages

side, a rise in volume now would make all the difference to margins. Meanwhile, although the United Kingdom interim dividend is up 10 per cent at 7.1 gross, the NV dividend, allowing for exchange difference, is effectively unchanged, so the prospects of a re-rating of the shares next year, when hopefully, dividend restraint is lifted in the United Kingdom (which would allow the payment under the equalisation arrangements of the locked-up dividends currently standing at 31 p and a lifting of the Ltd payout to the NV level) begins to

look less attractive. Profits before tax after nine months are down five per cent at £455.1m, and even with a maintained fourth quarter, currency factors will be a depressing effect. So the likely outcome for the year looks to be in the £565m range. Without any signs of an improvement in demand, the shares must

#### Woolworth

#### Still out of step

Unsertled by the results from Wheatsheaf on Tuesday, the market was well prepared for Woolworth. In the event in fact Woolworth's third quarter was poor rather than bad, and enough to halt a run on the shares which were 11p down at 591p last night. Here they are supported by a 10 per cent yield assuming a maintained payment. But the group's long-awaited recovery seems as far off as ever.

So far pre-tax profits are 9.5 per cent adrift at £20.7m while an 8½ per cent sales increase to £498m masks a volume fall of

as much as 3 per cent.

Whether the group has the strategic buying know-how or marketing ability to take on rivals like BHS, Debenhams or Tesco when spending levels improve still remains to be seen. More evidence should be available after the crucial Christmas quarter when the effects of the latest round of tax cuts begin to make themselves felt. For the cuts begin to make themselves felt. For the moment, though, Woolworth has been the only store group share to underperform the market this year—and that by 17 per cent against the retail sector. At this point, however, the rot may have been stopped if only because Woolworth remains a share for the income-conscious.

As the colour returns to Keysen Ullmann's cheeks the question is what the longer term future holds in store? Plainly prority still has to be given to extricating itself from its property commitments, though latest hulf-year figures show that this is being effected reasonably well. So Kenson is already giving thought in its Keyser is already giving thought to its future and recruiting staff to boost the fund management side and open up representa-tive offices in the provinces while there are also hopes of entering insurance broking

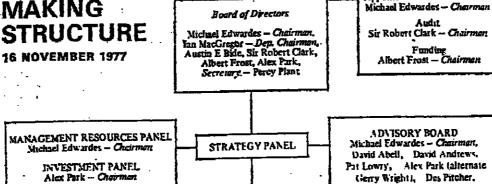
As other merchant banks are finding that these are all competitive areas it is a moot point as to whether this is a good e springboard for a healthy future. So at 49p the main suppirt for the shares continues to be a net worth of 63p although that level discount is probably about right in view of the chequered past.

As it is, six-month profits to the end of September show that Keyser has just man aged to squeak into the black on trading after the earlier heavy losses and this has been further boosted by a £1.5m write-back for provisions no longer needed, and some of the rest of last year's £3 provisions will be transferred to the profit and loss account

With the Dennington housebuilding sub-sidiary being run down losses there should be cut from over £1m to around £100,000 and Keyser hopes to see annual trading profits running at around £500,000. Meanwhile a further £17m of property has been sold at some £1.5m above its written down value, boosting shareholders funds from £31.5m to £32.8m and with more property sales in the second half that should reach at least £34m by the year end. Keyser is still vulnerable to a rise in

interest rates but with only a standby facility from the clearers it is reliant on cheaper market money. Although falling farther in the first half, Keyser now appears confident that deposits and advances should hold steady.

#### DECISION MAKING **STRUCTURE**



BRITISH LEYLAND LTD

Leyland Truck & Bus Ltd Leyland Cars Ltd Menaging Director Leyland Special Products Ltd

Leyland International Ltd

Although the operating em-panies are becoming limited liability companies their free-

of the four subsidiaries together with Edwardes, Park (alternat-

The likelihood of more struc-tural changes to come is hinted at in yesterday's statement which talked of "further evolu-tion over the next 12 months now being studied". Vague as this is it will be welcomed by by the many managers in Ley-land Cars who have been advo-cating the creation of subdivi-sions to cover small cars, medium cars, large cars, spe-

The Leyland Cars group

sources suggest he is already head hunting senior executives from outside and they could well be earmarked to take over some of these

BOARD COMMITTEES

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## Devolution—British Leyland style

breaking up the monolithic central centrol exercised by the then chairman Lord Stokes and his deputy John Barber.

It is not overstating the case to say that management in the operating companies had become so frustrated by the near impossibility of obtaining decisions without months of delay that they were in a state of open revolt when the Gov-ernment mounted its rescue operation.

The Ryder plan called for a much reduced corporate staff in much reduced corporate start in London and the creation of four largely autonomous business groups—Leyland Cars, Leyland Truck & Bus, Leyland Special Products and Leyland International—each with its own managing director and operating committees. ing committees.

In theory it was a big step forward in the better utiliza-tion of the management and specialist talents which had long stagnated in Leyland's scattered plants and offices. In practice it proved to be almost as frustrating as the old set up. Instead of the dead hand of one corporate control, the man-agements of the new groups found themselves answerable to three masters, the main board under chief executive Alex Park, the National Enterprise Board as the controlling shareholder, and Mr Varley's Department of Industry.

Managing directors like Derek Whittaker, the head of Leyland Cars, spent so much time travelling to London folfying every move to three sets of officials that they simply did not have time or energy remaining to develop the structure of their own divisions.

Add to that the fact that every time there was a major confrontation with the work-Communication with the work-force—and there were many in Leyland Cars—their masters insisted on blow by blow per-sonal accounts sometimes end-ing in demands for yet another review of company structure and plans.

and plans.
Now Michael Edwardes, the ex-Chloride chief who was appointed chairman and chief executive of BL three weeks ago, has come up with yet another reorganization plan which, ther reorganization plan which, he claims, will carry decentralization farther down the road taken so hopefully by Ryder.

On paper it would appear to offer anything but decentralization with its heavy superstructure of an advisory board and three corporate panels controlling every phase of decision. ling every phase of decision making.

A more careful study, bow-ever, gives some grounds for hope. The old main board made up of eight executive directors (including the heads

The reorganization of British Leyland which resulted from the Ryder committee recommendations of two and a half years ago was largely aimed at breaking up the monolithic central central central exercised by the then chairman Lord Stokes and his deputy John Barber.

of the four operating companies) and five non-executive directors has been replaced by a much smaller seven-man board of which only Edwardes and Alex Park (the former chief executive) are full time.

The others, drawn from the rop echelons of banking and industry have proven track re-Their presne at local board meetings should remove the need for time wasting trips to London. Not only will they be able to monitor progress at first hand but they will also be available to contribute the corporate point of view a tan early stage. This latter factor could prove of great value by stopping or modifying proposals which after months of local industry, have proven track re-cords and will be able to steer als which after months of local work would otherwise end up on the boardroom floor in Edwardes around the worst pit-

Initial impressions suggest it

Initial impressions suggest it is a board constructed to operate as a holding company. Certainly it is small emough for quick decision making.

It is the appearance of the Advisory Board and executive panels which were being viewed with suspicion within Leyland last night. They each have a clearly defined function and it is how they exercise these functions which is awaited with some trepidation. Will they once again constitute a bottle-between the operating arm and between the operating arm and decision-making?

#### The likelihood of more structural changes to come is being hinted

There will be few if any complaints about the membership of the four subsidiary boards. Edwardes is non-executive chairman of all three motor subsidiaries. The exception is Leyand Special Products, the mini conglomerate of 11 companies manufacturing anything from construction equipment to re-frigeration machinery and headed by 34-years-old David Abell. The decision to instal Park as the non-executive chairman here will be seen by many
as a move to add a leavening
of experience to Abell's youthful exhuberance.

Two other corporate execu-

and ability Edwardes is taking and ability Edwardes is taking on an enormous personal burden. He will be chairman of the main board, chairman of the advisory board, chairman of two executive panels and chairman of three of the four subsidiaries. Whether he will admit it or not he is in tives sit on all four subsidiary boards—Par Lowry and Gerry Wright. Lowry, 57, joined BL in 1970 as group personnel director of the Engineering Employers' Federation and is acknowledged to be one of this will admit it or not he is in nowledged to be one of this country's top industrial rela-tions experts and a man highly danger of falling into the same danger of falling into the same trap as that which led to the downfall of Lord Stokes.

However, he has made it plain that he regards the chairmanship of the subsidiaries as temporary, made necessary by the urgency of the present changes. Industry sources suggest he is already spected by union leaders. Wright, 51, corporate finance

director, was with English Elec-tric, Ford and AEI before join-ing BL in 1968. He too is well thought of both inside and ourside Leykand. Edwardes' chairmanships at

operating level, supported by two key corporate executives, are the clearest pointer yet to meaningful decentralization.

#### Economic notebook

## Things will look better before they get worse

of price increases in the last balf of this year should end up at about 7 per cent, sharply down from the near 20 per cent annualized increase in the first six months of the year.

This almost respectable inflation performance will probably continue until well into next year Unpublished govern-ment forecasts are of a 7½ per cent annual rate rise in retail prices over the next six

months.

Unfortunately even while the monthly figures will be heralded as showing a further decline in the most usual inflation measure—the year on year rise in retail prices—the underlying rate of increase will be edging inexorably higher.

Evenings ingresses are the Earnings increases are the

key. Yesterday's figures were as good as could be expected. Although the year on year rise in average carnings turned up for the first time for six months, this was largely a re-flection of a quirky drop in earnings between August and

earnings between August and September last year.

In the first two months of phase three the size of the average pay packet (before tax and national insurance) in-creased by borely more than 1 per cent. However, this is not an accurate guide to the likely outturn for the whole of the pay round.

It is a more or less open secret that officials in the Treasury are looking for a 15 per cent increase this year in the national wage bill, although the liability companies their free-dom to raise finance for capital investment will still be con-trolled centrally.

Projects exceeding a supu-lated ceiling—and we are not yet told what this will be— must go before the investment panel. This comprises the heads chancellor is sticking firmly—
in public, at least—to his loped
for 10 per cent. This was never
a serious possibility.

The government forecasts
that price inflation would fall

to about 6! per cent by the end of next year, which were based on the 10 per cent earn-ings assumption, were always with Edwardes, Park (alternating with Wright) and Percy Plant, the company secretary. Edwardes has decided that when a managing director comes before the investment panel with a project he will not have a vote. In other words if he canot sell it to his colleagues—and competitions for available funds—he will lose the day. The likelihood of more structural changes to come is binted

totally unrealistic.
This has been underlined by the Government's reaction to the settlements notified so far. It has gradually become clear that "within official guidethat "within official guide-lines" means settlements at about 10 per cent, which is a far cry from earnings increases

of an average 10 per cent In July the Chancellor, while unwilling to be drawn on the precise implication for individual negotiators of his phase three target, did eventually admit that settlements would have to be kept to between 5 and 6 per cent to be consistent with a 10 per cent rise in actual

medium cars, large cars, spe-cialist and sports cars and parts 125 July 1975 = 100 and servicing.

Juding by Edwardes's recent 120 WAGE RATES Mirror they already have a sympathetic ear. After referring to the decentralization already achieved by the other three operating companies he said: AVERAGE less decentralized but that is something to be looked at. 95 REAL EARNINGS I believe in deploying people into the area where profits are made and where goods are produced. average earnings adjusted for inflation For all his undoubted energy

The Chancellor also warned in July that an average earnings rise of 15 per cent would pre-vent inflation falling into single figures and would ensure a steady acceleration throughout 1978 and into 1979. The decision to allow the

pound to float upwards and the favourable trend of commodity prices so far this year, has modified this official

At the time of his October economic package, Mr Healey said merely that the path of inflation in 1973 "would depend crucially on the level of wage settlements". The text accompanying the published Treation of the published Treations of the published the path of the published the p sury forecasts warned vaguely that prices would begin to accelerate again in the middle of next year if earnings rose by

responsibilities.

The danger is that once having immersed hiself in the detailed work of the subsidiaries he will find it very difficult to cut loose again. more than 10 per cent.

Last week's offer to local authority manual workers was something of a fiasco. It could cut loose again.

Clafford Webb turn out—if accepted— to be equal to an average earnings rise of 10.7 per cent, although

Britain's inflation rate is com-ing down fast. The annual rate insist that this is unlikely and that the offer was within the

The potential breach of offi-cial policy seems nevertheless

to the Covernment is generally being seen to stand firm.

It is clearly too soon to rule out a pay explosion, or a gradual build up in the level of settlements which would then push earnings well above the 15 per cent official expectation. is per cent official expectation. A game of wait and see is being played by many workers so that only a tiny number of agreements have yet

But most forecasters' best guess at the moment is for an eventual outcome of not much more than the Treasury's pribeen made. vare estimate of around 15 per

sion that has to be drawn from this is that Eritain has still not solved its inflation problem. To be sure 15 per cent or even a little bit more would be a big improvement on the enormous pay rises of 1974-75. Such an outcome may even be compatible with a levelling out of price inflation in a year's time at around 10.13 per cent on

If earnings rise by much more than 17 to 18 per cent, as they easily could, then a reacceleration of price inflation is bound

to occur.

Meanwhile the prices in Meanwine the prices in Britain's main competitors will be rising at a rate well below 10 per cent. With the pound buoyed up by North Sea oil Britain's real exchange rate will be appreciating rapidly and its competitioness graded competitiveness eroded

sharply.

Aluch has been written about the importance of non-price factors in trade competitiveness. These obviously have much weight, but so equally obviously does price. If British cars or washing machines cust more than comparable foreign goods.

than comparable foreign goods consumers at home and abroad are less likely to buy them.

North Sea oil ensures a breathing space before the balance of payments rears its head are in as a constraint on head again as a constraint on growth. Britain's faster than average inflation and disturb-ingly high propensity to import, mean that the breathing space will be short.

The propaganda war against

inflation is still far from won.
Sterling's plunge last year and
the consequent acceleration in
inflation while wages were
rising much less fast were
severe setbacks.

Ir still needs to be hammered home that in anything other than the short term overall living standards can only rise as fast as output increases.

For a short while it is pos-

sible to buy more from abroad by charging more for exports, whether this comes whether this comes through faster domestic price rises or a higher exchange rate. Sooner or later the exchange rate catches up.

Neither is there much scope for raising real wages through a squeeze on profits: there is not that much which can be soueezed.

The Government can give a boost to real incomes through cutting taxes, but this only raises average living standards if it leads to more output.

There is room for a genuine

increase in incomes next year. Both output and output per worker are expected to rise. But to the extent that carnings rises exceed the rise in productivity they will feed into The Government's commit-

ment to money supply targets should stop inflation from soaring out of control. It may also lead to less employment and output for a given level of earnings rise as firms find themselves unable to finance high settlements. It is unlikely, however, to stop the present wage round from pushing wage inflation well above the average in the other industrialized

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Caroline Atkinson;

### Business Diary: Who's now who at BL

Davies look at faces, new and not-so-new, involved in the latest resbuffle at British Ley-

From the people point of view, the big question today must be: who will head three of the four new operating com-

Michael Edwardes, the chairman and chief executive, has been named non-executive drman pro tem of three, Leyland Cars, Truck and Bus and, lastly, International. Alex Park, chief executive until Edwardes came in, will combine non-executive chairmanship of the fourth, Special Products, with an executive chairman the hold.

vice-chairmanship of the holding company Edwardes with probably rerain the chairmanship of Cars, which is the group's prime disaster area, particularly since he can now fall back on a deputy chairman. This is Ian MacGregor, a Scot who was formerly chairman and chief executive of the big American

cerns, such as Singer and This still leaves the question of the Truck and Bus and international chairmanships. which incidentally carry nonvice-chairman like Park's at the new Nuffield

House headquarters.
Neither Edwardes nor anybody else at BL, was talking. about the two vacancies yester-day, but if they follow the pat-tern set by Edwardes' choice of two holiday company direc-

Edward Townsend and Ross tors, then they could be Davies look at faces, new and strangers to BL and to the motor manufacturing industry They will, however, have a

track record of success and be acceptable to the NEB, which Edwardes consulted before announcing the reshuffle. This i sthe pattern with the two newcomers who were yesterday named as non-executive directors of the holding com-pany, British Leyland Limited Austin Bide and Albert Frost

and to the motor industry and have both had successful careers in their chosen industry, chemicals. Bide, who is 62, is the chair-

man of the chemical manufac-

are newcomers both to Leyland

All change: BL has just brought out a 124-page booklet of facts and figures about the group "correct at the time of publication"—that is until vesterday.

facturers Glaxo, a big but mining group, Amax, as well as of other big United States conquietly effective company. He prefers fishing to public life, but when last year's Labour Party conference called for the nationalization of the pharma-ceuticals industry he spoke

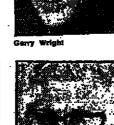
> incorrectly regarded as a panacea, he added, "those who prescribe drugs demand specific remedies for specific

much more ebuillient character, who seems thoroughly to enjoy changes of direction. Sometime barrister and taxman, he retired as finance director of ICI in the spring of last year, only to bob up as a part-time executive director of Marks & Spencer (and in-cidentally the only "outsider"

on the board) with special re-

sponsibility for overseas opera-Lord Stokes, by the way, continues as life president of Leyland and will commune his ills, and deeply mistrust panaceas." roving ambassador role in its Frost, who is 63, prefers playing violins to fish, but is a overseas markets. Park, incidentally, may be









able to maintain or even increase his influence. As well as his holding company seat, he is both on the powerful advisory board as well as chairman of the new panel that vets all big expenditure, and he is responsible to Edwardes for finance, corporate planning and audit.

Two other members of the former Levland board are yet with us. One is Gerry Wright, who was finance director and who will be Park's afternate on the advisory board. The other is Pat Lowry, former personnel director an chow director of personnel and administration (also on the advisory board).

boards. Two departures from the board, those of John Gardiner, and of Lord Greenhill, call for

They will both be non-executive members of the four company

adieux rather than farewells. Gardiner, chief executive of the Laird shipbuilding group, will as a member of the NEB, have afreer hand to take part in deriving affecting RI's furners decisions affecting BL's future.

All change: an executive said at BL headquarters yesterday that he should have guessed that they were all about to be turfed out. All the WC's have at last been painted.

Like Lestie Murphy, chairman of the NEB since Lord Ryder's resignation and a former deputy chairman of Schroder's, Lord Greenhill has a background in both City and public life. He is a director of Warburg's and is a government director of BP in which the state has a 51 per cent stake Although leaving the BL board he will remain as an adviser to those who stay and will serve as a non-executive director of Leyland Interna-

Don't call us, we won't call you: when news broke of the decision to close BL's Maryle-bone Road offices-former home of another stricken com-pany, Burmah Oil—a £500,000 telephone exchange link to group operations throughout the country had just been in-stalled, ore year. early next year.

# **WOOLWORTH Interim Report**

Nine months ended 31st October, 1977

Salient figures and comment from the unaudited statement of profit of the Company and its subsidiaries for the nine months ended 31st October, 1977, with comparative figures for the previous financial year.

12 months ended		9 months	ended	
31st January,		31st October, 1977	31st October, 1976	Increase (Decrease
s'0003		20003	£000's	%
664,954	Turnover (excluding value added tax)	497,722	459,333	8.4
45,521	Trading Profit	24,281	26,090	(6.9)
40,967	Profit before taxation	20,678*	22,854	(9.5)

The rate of increase in sales shows some improvement in the third quarter but is insufficient to support other than a cautious view of the result for the full year.

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## **Land Securities**

#### Interim results

The Directors announce that the unaudited consolidated results for the six months ended 30th September 1977 are:

Year to		Six Mo	nths to
31.3.77	(Figures in £000's)	30.9.77	30.9.76
59,667	Total gross income	31,018	28,062
<del></del>	Income from completed properties (Note 1):  Net rents and interest receivable	<del></del>	
43,562	less outgoings and expenses	22,583	20,178
22,036	Less: Interest payable	10,005	10,842
21,526	Income before taxation	12,578	9,336
8,863	Less: Taxation (Note 2)	6,540	4,855
12,663	Net income from completed properties available for distribution	6,038	4,481
	Earnings per share:	2 43-	0.70-
7.90p	Basic (Note 3) Fully diluted	3.13p 3.00p	2,79 <i>p</i> 2,60p
6.71p	i any anatoa		

- 1. Income from completed properties includes £3,954,000 (1976: £2,528,000) interest receivable on deposits. 2. The taxation charge for six month periods is computed at 52% whereas the charge for the year reflects relief arising from capital allowances.
- The basic earnings for the period reflect the issue of approximately 32.8m Ordinary Shares of 50p on the conversion of Convertible Unsecured Loan Stocks in September 1977.
- 4. Net outgoings after taxation attributable to development properties, amounting to £2,162,000 (1976: £2,399,000), are offset by a transfer from Capital Reserve. The unrealised exchange movement of the US dollar loan is also dealt with through Capital Reserve; for the period, there is a gain of £735,000 (1976:

An interim dividend of 1.5p net per share, 2.273p gross (1976: 1.5p net; 2.308p gross) has been declared and will be paid on 15th December 1977 to holders registered on 18th November 1977. The net interim dividend payable amounts to £2,896,000 (1976: £2,405,000), reflecting the conversions

The supplementary final dividend of 0.05p net per share for the year to 31st March 1977, payable on the Ordinary Shares in issue on that date in accordance with the Resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting held on 19th July 1977, will be paid on the same date as the interim dividend to holders registered on 30th September 1977.

THE LAND SECURITIES INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED Devonshire House, Piccadilly, London W1X 6BT

#### FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

## Down again despite bear closing

On what many dealers thought was the slowest day of from Co the year share prices staged a strong rally in the post-hanch here the session as the short-term to 110p.

"bears" closed down their from T

gain badly hit by worries over company profits, the particular point of concern being third quarter results from Unilever which were not only well below market hopes but also did not bode well for the final three

The FT Index, 9.1 off at 1 pm, improved steadily there-ares and by the close was just 3.6 down to 484.3. Late in the session dealers were speculating bow much worse things would have been if Unilever had been an index constituent. Government stocks were similarly shaggish and gains were generally limited to one quarter of a point in thin.

Onward and upward (by and large) climbs Jonas Woodhead. The shares are now 228p, against 96p earlier this year. Norwich Union and Prudential Norwich Union and Prudential have 15 per cent between them. It looks as if this bid situation could make profits of £7m or more in the year to March 31 next against less than £4.6m last time. Dividend cover is massive. The interim bulletin due soon should be good.

Naturally enough Unilever's shares had a volatile session, opening at 562p and dropping to a "low" of 530p. By the close they had railed to 542p but still a net loss of 22p on the day. The NV ended 62p lower at £23.87.

Elsewhere among the "blue chaps" movements were less drastic though Beecham dipped 5p to 620p and Glazo 4p to 583p. ICI, whose figures next week are being viewed with increasing tracern dipped into a

The previous day's figures from Countailds are a main reason for this concern and here the shares firmed a penny

In the stores sector figures from Woolworth confirmed worst fears and the shares lost worst fears and the snares lost lip to 59 ip. Though better by the close many states and food remaining issues fell in sympathy with Sainsbury, off 3p to 200p, Associated Dairies 10p to 247p and Wheatsheaf, whose figures were another reason for de-pression, 10p to 170p. Going against the general trend was Kwik Save which closed with a

Kwik Save which closed with a gain of 10p to 220p.

Unilever apart the most voictile shares of the session came in the drinks sector, where Glenlivet sourced 105p to 430p on widespread talk that the Japanese Suntory company was reach, with terms. Late in the

Japanese Suntory company was ready with terms. Late in the day the talk was proved wrong when it was learned that Seagrams was the suitor.

But other drinks shares were not so successful with Bass off 4p to 158p and Guinness lower by 3p to 190p. After figures Young & Company were several pence down at 135p.

With general trade at a minimum takeover and speculative

showing. The long running saga of Crane Fruehalf took another twist when the American Frue-hauf Corporation came with yet

another counter offer worth 90p. The hope that Inchcape will provide further competi-tion had the shares 9p to the good at 92p. Hay's Wharf soured 16p to 189p on widespread talk that

the Ruwait Investment Office had sold its 34 per cent stake to a potential but as yet unidentified suitor. The renewed speculative interest in Federated Chemical over the last two sections. sessions was vindicated when it was learned that the group was in talks and the shares gained another 8p for a close of 76p, Furness Withy was well

supporte degain rising another 140 to 352p.

The Commercial Union rights and the fear that the firemen's strike might lead to an increase in fire damage claims cast a shadow over the insurance sec-

Electronic Machine held steady at 20p despite gossip of problems. Mr N. Munro, chief executive says that the second half year should be much better

than the first, and the official forecast of progress in 1977-78 still holds good.

Some think that last week's sale by Goode Durrant & Murray of its United Kingdom instalment credit business to the United States for £10m may be the prelude to a bid. Assets stand at more than double the share price of 26p for this "close" company, and it is thought the controlling interests might be tempted by the right terms. The fortunes of the Rawlings housebuilding subsidiary, whose shares are suspended, are now said to be much improved after a loss in the half year to April.

Equity turnover on November 15 was £68.42m (13,678 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, gains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Tele-graph, were ICI, Beecham Uni-lever, Royal, BAT Ord, Hay's Wharf, Shell, BAT ord, Grand Metropolitan, BP partly paid, Associated Dairies, Federated Chemicals, Marks & Spencer, Vickers, Wheatsheaf, Wool-Vickers, Wheatsher worth and Muirhead.

#### Latest results

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## What does **Grindlays bank on?**

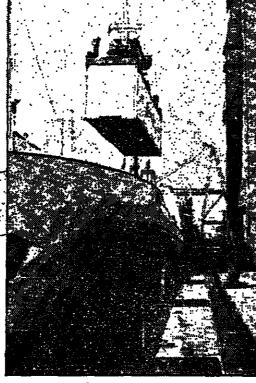
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make our business: our own specialists and managers in head office >>> \and branches working alongside other people-our customers. The success of this team effort can be seen in these examples of the Group's activities - as they happen

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#### Fruehauf bids 90p a Crane share

The fight for control of Nor-olk-based Crane Fruehauf, which began over a year ago, entered yet another stage yes-terday. Fruehand Corporation, the US grant, which started the bidding in October, 1976, raised its offer to 90p cash a share, valuing Crane at £13.89m.

This is 9p a share higher than the rival (agreed) offer of 81p cash from Inchcape, the international trading group, which only entered the fray last month; Inchcape's share alternative is 27 shares on Tuesday's close, this values each Crane share at 801p.

Crane's shares jumped by 9p to 92p yesterdey a new 1976-77 The Fruelsus Corporation now owns, or has agreed to buy, 5.69m shares in Crane, or about 37 per cent. Its offer has been extended until November 30. Fruelsus offer is conditional only on the receipt of acceptances for just over

Harcros

revenue

Mr Angus Murray, chairman of

another 13 per cent of Crane's A spokesman for Baring Brothers, adviser to Inchcape, said the situation would now be reviewed in the light of Fruebauf's increased bid.

The US group has had trad-ing relations with Crane since 1961 and took a one-third stake in 1963. In October last year, it made a bid of just 27p cash share. This was quickly lled "derisory" by Crane's board.

was referred to the UK Monopolies Commission. Then in August the commission ruled that it could go ahead. Howon a split vote.

Crane's trading started to improve—pre-tax profits in the first half of this year being trebled to £1.2m. The US company more than doubled its terms to 61p cash a share. But the answer was still "no". Less than a month ago, Frue-hauf increased it to 70p a share. Finally, at the end of October, Inchcape made its surprise offer—topping Fruehauf's terms

and carrying the recommenda-tion of Crane's UK directors. Crane makes semi-trailers, transporters, tankers, con-tainers, van and truck bodies.

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# Spear shows increase

doubles In the six months to September 30, the pre-tax reenue of Harcros Investment Trust more than doubled to £670,000 from £309,000 for the similar period last year. This is more than the record £528,000 made in the whole of the year to March 31.

However, the board explains that the revenue figures are not, in fact, comparable. They include the special dividends paid on June 1 by Golden Hope Plantations, London Asiatic Rubber and Produce, and Pataling Rubber Estates as part of the proposals for the merger of the three companies into Harrisons Mayalsian Estates.

These dividends totalled These dividends totalled £256,000, excluding the tax credit.

Ner revenue for the half-year rose from £199,000 to £441,000, after tax of £229,000, compared with £110,000 last year. The board estimates that net reseauce for the full year will be abour 50 per cent above the £357,000 for 1976-77. The gross interum dividend rises from 0.61p to 0.9p. Lest year's final was 2p gross.

#### **Ever Ready** to spend around £40m

By Christopher Wilkins
Ever Ready is planning a
considerably enlarged capital
investment programme which
will involve it in spending at
least from and possible manleast £36m and possibly more than £40m in the next two to three years.

It will represent a major expansion from the subdued level

pansion from the subdued level of expenditure of the past two years which has totalled only just over £9m. Largely as a result of the lowly level of recent investment the group's liquid position has improved considerably and, following the disposal of its stake in Mallory's European operations, it now has net cash in its balance sheet. Part of the investment will be allocated to new developbe allocated to new develop-ments in alkaline manganese batteries and button cells, the former accounting for perhaps £4m-£5m and the latter per-

haps £24m.
The bulk of the investment, however, will be in the convenrional zinc carbon battery busiat the halfway stage

By Alison Mitchell

Buoyed up by higher sales and prices "Scrabble" maker
J. W. Spear & Sons has chalked up a near 33 per cent rise in interim profits.

On sales of £2.9m, against £2.4m, the group made pre-tax profits of £1m in the six months to Iume 30 last. These compare

to June 30 last. These compare with £757,000 for the first balf

of last year.

Sales in the second six months are expected to be higher than for the same period in 1976, according to Mr Jakob Speer, chairman. So a full time profit of around £2.8m seems to be in sight.

of eround 22.0m seems up to missight.

In the first six months
Spear, the largest manufacturer
of wooden dominoes in Europe, raised prices by around 15 per cent. Even so, the volume of toys and games sold, both at home and abroad, increased.

Since June, trading has con-tinued to be buoyant. The factories are now running flat out to complete orders by Christ-

Many groups in this sector have been finding that retailers are delaying orders to see how much customers will spend. But Mr Spears warms share-holders that many may be disappointed, because his group will not be able to take on any more work after the end of this month.

In the first part of a plan to change its rented premises for freehold buildings, Spear has spent around 11m expanding all

departments.
Rising materials costs and an increasing wage bill stop Mr Spear from making a speci-fic forecast for the full year, but the board promises a maxi-

#### Fed Chem resumes talks

A rise of 15 per cent to 76p in the shares of Federated Chemical Holdings, in the last two days was the prelude yesterday to news that the group has returned talks which may lead as a full hid. lead to a full bid.

As the shares now stand at 75p the group carries a price tag of about £11m.

In October the group tag of about £11m.

In October the group amounced a drop in pre-tax profits for the si xmonths to June 30, from £1.69m to £1.32m.

This reflected a jump in interest payable from £191,000 to £306,000. Sales leapt from £20.1m to £2.7.1m. Earnings a share collapsed from £.27p to 3.52o.

3.620.
The directors will report to shareholders on these discussions as soon as possible.

#### Muirhead disappoints with £1.6m peak

Muirhead has finished the year to September 30 with a record profir of £1.6m—a rise of 10 per cent. But progress has been too slow to please the market and the shares dropped 16p to 169p. The second six months made just £99,000 more than the same 1976 period, to bring in £944,000 for the half

The interim results in May brought news of a shakeout in-the United States operation, which brought closure costs of £60,000 but the prospect of long-term benefits. At home there

ment facsimile range-was delayed for a year.

#### Nthn Goldsmiths is off to good start

Mr Radcliffe Cooke, the chairman of Northern Goldsmiths says that results for the six months to August 31 are quite encouraging. He hopes that Christmas sales will emulate last year's record. Unfortunately the groups has had a burglary at its shop in Penrith, but it is too eorly to say what effect, if any, this will have on the full year. Meanwhile, profits are 23 per cent ahead at £96,000 on seles. 5 per cent up at £1.37m. This gives a rise in margins from 5.8 per cent to 6.9 per cent.

#### Interim setback at Chamberlin & Hill

After a drop in ore tax profits from £250.000 to £166,000, Chamberlin & Hill reports that the outlook remains uncertain. Sales at this light grey from £2.6m to £3.2m, but demand fell at a time when the group had extended canacity. The Platt Maleable Castings group has also required heavy development. costs. Although

development costs. Although the outlook remains clouded demand is picking in and this should mean a better second

#### Disney and American Express decide against a marriage

Disney productions disclosed that is eccently mer with American Express to consider combining the two companies. But no further merings are planned

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During that visit American Express Officers suggested that there might be areas of joint interest, which would indicate the desirability of considering a communation of the two com-

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a combination of the two companies. No terms, were discussed, the companies said. Reports of a possible tender offer are completely untrue they added. No further meetings are planned.

American Express (trevel, banking, insurance) decided last mouth through its International Banking Corporation in inject capital into Group Lous Car Companies in a deal giving it an option to subscribe for nearly 10 per cent of Louis.

Saint Gobain sales

Net sales for the St Gobain Font a Mousson Group, the in-dustrial rose to 23.15501 francs between January 1 and September 30) last, compared with 17.2m francs, an increase of 34.7 per cent.

After taking into account clauses in the consolidation pan in the intervening time,

and in particular the consolida-tion at the end of 1976 of consisted Corporation in the States, and Glaceries de States, and Glaceries de States amounts to 11.4 per cent.

After elimination of the effects of the changes in monetary parities between the two periods of reference the in-crease in sales amounts to No. dividends 10.4 per cent.

division which accounts for monsolidated sales saw sales increase by 15.1 per cent. The

Trading in the last six months Walker & Homer, the maker

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October WEST BROMWICH SPRING

October Chairman says he is unable to carries predict probable results for second half but he feels sure that final comments profits will show a material increase over 4976 figure.

#### International

and consideration of the matter sales. Half these arise from The rate groups made this no increase in which saw plain after inquiries from the other half from distribution new Executives of Assertance operations whose color made executives of Assertance operations whose colors are considered to the color of the colors and the colors are considered to the colors and the colors are considered to the colors and the colors are considered to the colors are considered to the colors and the colors are considered to the colors and the colors are considered to the colors are colors and the colors are colors are colors and the colors are colors are colors and the colors are colors and the colors are colors are colors and the colors are colors are colors are colors and the colors are colors are colors and the colors are colors are colors are colors. operations whose sales rose by . 11.4 per cent over the nine

Houston, Teas.-Tenneco has amounted that its common stock has been accepted for trading, effective from today. November 17, on the stock exchanges at Basle, Geneva and

Zurich,

The addition of the three Swiss exchanges brings to seven the number of exchanges outside the United States on which Tenneco common stok is traded. The stock was listed on the Frankfurt and Dusseldtorf exchanges on November 8 and 9. It has been listed on the London exchange since early last year and on the Toronto last year and on the Toronto exchange since 1970.

Tenneco is the twentieth largest industrial corporation in the United States in terms of

#### Eastern Air Lines

New York.—The proposed offering of 2m shares in Easter offering of 2m shares in Eastern Air Lines preferred stock has been postponed, lead underwriter Merrill Lynch said

The shares were to have been tentatively priced last night for a proposed offering today, but Merrill said that the pricing will not take place. As yet it could not say when the issue will be offered. Merrill also said that it could not say why there has been a delay. However, the firm did add that the issue was still alive.

#### Ford looks ahead

SPENCER GEARS

Moto ris projecting United States Real Gross National Proservice activities account for duct growth in 1978 of 4.3 per 22.8 per cent of consolidated cnt, executive vice president Walker & Homer suffers

consumer spending recession has persisted longer than expected. To combat this, Walker has closed its Bolton factory.

Mahwah, New Jersey.-Ford

#### Landsecs up 34 pc in opening

Mr William O. Bourke said. He told a news conference that 4 to 45 per cent real gap growth would keep 1978 industry car and truck sales basically level with those for 1977. A projection of 6 to 7 per cent for real gap growth would bring sales for 1978 to the level General Motors Corporation is forecasting—15.5m cars and trucks, Mr Bourke commented.

Assuming that the United States market is becoming half-year ment. Trust, the largest property group in the world, to a respectable rise in pre-tax profit in the half-year to Sept

Gross income was 10.5 per cent greater at £31.01 m. Dealing only with income from completed properties, net rents Assuming that the United States market is becoming saturated, and a decline in the growth rate of the car-buying population, Mr. Bourke predicted long-term annual industry sales growth of about 3 per cent.—Reuter. and interest reneivable went
11.9 per cent ahead to £22.58m.
But with the interest bill
down from £10.84m to £10m,
pre-tax profit has jumped by
34.7 per cent to £12.57m.

Volkswagen confirms

Canadian Pacific

Income from completed pro-perties also included interest on deposits. This climbed by 56.4 per cent to £3.95m. Wolfsburg — Volksmagen-werk's 1977 profits will be strong enough for the board to recommend an increase on last year's DMS dividend as well as payments into reserves, VW reaffirms.

56.4 per cent to £3.95m.

After tax computed at 52 per cent for both half-years, ner income from completed properties available for distribution was also 34.7 per cent up. Basic earnings per share rose from 2.79p to 3.13p and fully diluted from 2.6p to 3p.

Shareholders collect an interm payment of 2.27p gross, compared with 2.3p. The net payment takes £2.89m, against £2.4m, reflecting the conversions in September.

The shares closed unchanged at 205p. At March 31 last, net VW added that the latest in-VW added that the latest interim report states that turnover in the first time months rose 12 per cent to DM17.75 billion. Vehicle sales rose 4 per cent to 1.66m. VWs domestic market share in the first nine months rose to 30.7 per cent from 27.4 per cent in the corresponding period last year.

at 205p. At March 31 last, net assets per ordinary share, fully diluted were 223p. Pre-tax profits in 1976-77 rose from £17.57m to £21.52m. year.

Several times this year VW chairman, Herr Toni Schmuecker has said a higher 1977 cash dividend is a realistic expectation but he has always declined a concrete forecast.

#### Warmer up 24 pc and more on the way

Along with improved first-half results from Warner Holidays comes the forecast from Mr "Bill" Warner, the chairman, that the second six months which takes in the peak holiday period charge a "Con-Canadian Pacific expects its earnings in the 1977 final quarter to be down from the 1976 fourth quarter. Although income from CP investments may increase, it is not likely to be sufficient to offset reductions in other sectors may holiday period shows a 'tinuing improvement". tions in other sectors, most significantly rail and ships, the group said. Canadian Pacific

The group managed a rise in pre-tax profits of 24 per cent to £301,000 for the six months reported third quarter net of C\$61.2m (about £30.6m) against to July 31. C\$51.2m a year ago. The gainst mas due mainly to CP investments and CP Air with partially offsetting decreases in CP Rail interim dividend unchanged at and CP Ships.

Briefly

G. R. DAWES HLDGS
Chairman says intended disposals, which will be voted on at agm in December, will raise \$2.31m and provide a further 39p.

further distribution of 25p a share

CENT & DIST PROPS
Proposed to redeem at par the £737,000 outstanding 64 per cent first mortgage debenture stock 1981-83.

Acceptances received by B. Elliott amount to 127,330 shares (84.88 pc) of Newall Machine Tool, offer remains open until

Chairman says that reorganiza-tion of group consisting and board sims to use temporary sup-port given, to achieve a return to full profitability.

BHS SHARE SCHEME
An extra-ordinary general meeting of British Home Stores has passed a resolution to introduce an employee share participation scheme. A unique feature of the scheme is that employees who retain the shares last allocated to them will have their next annual entitlement increased by 25 per cent.

R. RILIOTT-NEWALL

RHS SHARE SCHEME

## Remploy could see £20m deficit this year And in the first six months of Commission, to increase this this year, sales in the United total to 9,100 by the early 1980s. Kingdom increased by more than 6 per cent to £13.3m. Expoints out that a small rise in

Remploy, the Government-backed company providing jobs for the disabled, had a £16.9m excess of expenditure over in-come in the year to March 31. The deficit this time round is likely to be even greater. Finan-cial director Mr Russell Benjamin admitted to Business News yesterday that in the first six months of the current year the loss totalled £10.1m against a

previous £8.6m. This could see the company some £20m down at the end of the period. Oddly, the problem comes from increasing sales. The nature of the group, with its 86 factories scattered throughout the country and its

wide range of products, means that the more it sells the more

ports, so far up 30 per cent to £542,000, are on target to reach £750,000 by the end of the year. Wages also have an impact on Remploy. In early 1974 the average basic pay in the Remploy factories was £18.12. This is now £38.50 and has led to a cut in the workforce.

Chairman Mr Allen Greenwood says in the annual report that, to keep within the Govern-ment's "cash limits", the Rem-ploy workforce were cut by over 500 in the year to 7,972. This was brought about through natural wastage rather than redundancies.

But there are plans drawn up with the Manpower Services plans for the provision of five

wages adds on extra million pounds a year to the wage bill. This in turn can set a limit to the number of disabled people that can be recruited.

In the last accounting period Government grants to the company totalled £18.9m compared with £16.8m the year before.

The savings to the Ex-chequer, according to the chair-man, from these disabled people being in employment amounts to at least \$14.5m leaving the cost to the country. in real terms, at some \$2.5m net of interest on capital.

The chairman also outlined

ment factories. A study group looking into the problems at Remploy has found that almost 20 factories ought to be re-

But limits on capital spending will result in this programme going ahead at a

slower pace than might be desired, he said. Sales in the packaging and assembly and clothing and leather goods divisions are well ahead of the same period last year but the furniture side of the business is, in line with the sector, finding the domestic market heavy going.

In recent weeks Remploy has your a \$273,000 order from the

American Defence authorities to provide overalls used by Nato pilots.

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#### for the third quarter and first nine months of 1977, and the interim Ordinary dividends

#### COMBINED RESULTS (£ millions)

l	Third Q: 1977	<i>uarter</i> 1976	Increase/		Nine M 1977	iontns 1978	Increase/ (Decrease)
			(Decrease)				•
ļ ,—	2,418	2,202	<del>-:</del> 10%	SALES TO THIRD PARTIES - Combined - Limited	7,230	6,445 2,736	÷12°6
	1,014 1,404	957. 1,245		- N.V.	3,036 4,194	3,709	
╽╘	1,404	1,240		(4.7.	7,134	3,703	
	144.9	190.5	-(24%)	OPERATING PROFIT	436.8	498.3	-(12°c)
ľ	4.1	(6.6)	(=,	Non-recurring items	4.1	(10.7)	• •
ł	0.5	0.8		Income from trade investments	1.7	1.4	
ľ				Concern share of associated companies		_	
1	14.7	4.6		profit before taxation	45.1	9.8	
ــ ا	(11.1)	(7.7)		Interest	(32.0)	(21.9)	
1	(11.4)	(10.2)		Interest on loan capital	(35.1)	(30.4)	
<u>L</u>	. 0.3	2.5		Other interest	3.1	8.5	
_				TOTAL CONCERN PROFIT BEFORE		<del></del> ,	
	153.1	181.6	<b>—(16%)</b>	TAXATION	455.1	476.9	<b>–(5%)</b>
	100.1	101.0	-(10,0)	Taxation on profit of the year:	<del>-100</del> , i	770.5	(5.5)
				Parent companies and their			
	(68.0)	(84.9)		subsidiaries	(210.4)	(222.0)	
	(7.0)	(2.0)	•	Associated companies	(20.9)	(4.4)	
				Taxation adjustments previous years:	•		
				Parent companies and their			
	0.1	0.4		subsidiaries	(0.6)	(3.0)	
	· <del>-</del>	·		Associated companies		-	
	(6.5)	(11.2)		Outside interests and preference dividends	(17.2)	(31.2)	
	(5.6)	(10.3)	•	Outside interests	(14.4)	(28.4)	
<u> </u>	(0.9)	(0.9)		Preference dividends	(2.8)	(2.8)	
		<del></del>		Total concern profit attributable to ordinary			
	71.7	83,9	<b>—(15%)</b>	capital at rates of exchange ruling 31/12/76	206.0	216.3	—(5ºá)
			-	Difference arising on recalculation of 1977 results			
	(1.4)			at end September 1977 rates of exchange	(3.9)		
_				TOTAL CONCERN PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE			
	70.3	83.9	(16%)	TO ORDINARY CAPITAL	202.1	216.3	- (7%)
	38.5	38.1	(1070)	- Limited	112.8	95.1	Ç= 1-7
	31.8	45.8		- N.V.	89.3	121.2	
<u> </u>	18.93p	22.59p	—(16%)	Earnings per 25p of capital	54,41p	58.23p	— (7°°)
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Exchange Rates As has been our practice the results for the quarter and the first nine months and the comparative figures for 1976 have been calculated at comparable rates of exchange. These are based on £1= Ft. 4.18= US\$ 1.70, which were the closing rates of 1976. Total Concern profit attributable to ordinary capital for the current quarter and the first nine months has also been recalculated at the rates of exchange current at the end of September 1977 being based on £1= Ft. 4.29

**Accounting Policies** As we explained in our two previous quarterly announcements we have, in our reporting prior to 1977, made no distinction between associated

companies, which are minority shareholdings where we have a significant influence in management, and trade investments where we have not. The results of associated companies have in total been immaterial and, therefore, such companies have been treated as trade investments with only income received taken up in the consolidated Profit and Loss Account. The sales and operating profits of associated companies and trade investments are not included in the Concern figures.

With effect in the consolidated accounts from 1st January, 1977, our shareholding in UAC of Nigeria was reduced from 60 per cent to 40 per cent and that company ceased to be a subsidiary and became an associated company. Consequently, UAC of Nigeria sales and operating profit are no longer in the consolidated figures. After UAC of Nigeria became an associated company total results of associated companies became material and a change in accounting policy was required. As from 1st January. 1977, therefore, whilst the sales of associated companies continue to be excluded, our share in their results is shown separately after operating profit.

The 1976 figures are restated on the new accounting basis; sales and operating profit for that year are unaffected but profit before taxation and

profit attributable are increased by some 1 per cent over the originally published figures, due to the inclusion of our share of results from associated companies which were previously treated as trade investments.



ARTHUR BELL & SONS LIMITED

#### SCOTCH WHISKY DISTILLERS

#### PERTH 6 menths 6 months

on the		ended 30th June 1977	6 months ended 30 June 1976	to 31st December 1976
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الد عد. فعب	Group Turnover— excluding inter-	<del></del>	<del></del>	
ged . Capal	company sales	43,661	40,470	116,977
mari	Scorch Whisky Division Glass Container Division Transport Division	36,557 7,044 60	36,464 4,006	105,878 11,076 23
> B		43,661	40,470	116,977
ilks S	Group Tracking Profit Less: Depreciation	5,775 604	4,021 520	11,535 1,048
·· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Add: Investment Income	5,171 5	3, <b>5</b> 01 4	10,488
miths is dart	Less: Interest on loans	5,176 1,411	3.505 1,227	10.497 2,971
	Group Profit before Facation	3,765	2,278	7.526
the state of the s	Scorch Whisky Division Glass Container Division Transport Division	3,138 667 (40)	2,617	7,459 151 (84)
, in .		3,765	2,278	7,526
	Taxation—See Note Group Profit after Taxation	318 3,447	191 2,087	665 6,861
198 <sup>1</sup>	Earnings per share Dividends	24.86р	15.09p	49.4 <del>9</del> p

An ordinary dividend of 4.41692 pence per share is proposed for the accounting period of six months to 30th June, 1977, this will absorb £733,000. For the year to 31st December, 1976, an interior dividend of £97087 pence per share and a final of 3.15 pence per share were paid and together absorbed 5847,000. Preference dividends paid in the six month period to 30th June, 1977, amounted to 58,000 (year to 31st December, 1976 £15,000).

The estimated relief from taxation arising from increases in stocks held by the Scotch Whisky Division is now regarded as a permanent saving as the Board does not consider that abue of such stocks to be held in the foreseeable future will fall below the value at 30th June, 1977. The current taxation charge reflects the charge in policy and the taxation charges for prior periods have also been adjusted.

#### Hill Samuel marks time: ships, insurance flat

Despite a generally better year for merchant banks Hill Samuel has only managed to produce profus for the six months to the end of September similar to those of the same period last year. These were in This will reduce overheads but tion quickly and take advantage of the expected up-turn in trade when inflation makes its impact. The group recently anounced a fall in pre-tax profits rom £361,000 to £230,000 for make the year no July 31. Some of new models. In that respect to the group is trying to improve its market share by concentrating on the development of new models. In that respect to the group is trying to improve its market share by concentrating on the development. fact slightly lower than 12 mouths earlier. Investment banking and fund management both performed rather better, but were offset by a flat pernote that respect to the first six months. Turnover obtaining the design of the year. the year rose from 15.7m to award for its all leather five formance in shipping and insur-sance broking. Sterling apprecia-tion and lower interest rates also tended to work against the piece grouping known as the Puma " range. group. However, the interim dividend has again risen by the maximum to 2.62p a share. Chairman says current year has started well with better turnover in all parts of group. He expects to report further progress this

RUMANIA SECS
Listing of all securities of
Republic of Rumania cancelled. Applications to make specific bar-gains may be submitted.

CITY HOTELS GROUP Group has acquired freehold of Montana Hotel in Gloucester Chairman says that received has sold its leasehold interest in the Richmond Hotel for port given, to achieve a religio, 000.

FRANCIS SUMNER FRANCIS SUMNER

Chairman says that although it is too early to quantify the long-term benedits of the sale of Lloyds British Testing, the immediate effect on the Sumner Group was to reduce group borrowings from £2.3m to £0.2m. Group is now virtually free of gearing, so that it is well placed for further expansion.

STODDARD HOLDINGS

Chairman says that despite stimulation given to economy by mini budget, "it does not look as if home sales volume will reach last year's level." Exports on other hand continue to do well.

J. SMART (CONTRACTORS)
Chairman says group has a larger volume of work in hand than this time last year. Progress in fist quarter has been encouraging and he is confident that group will continue to prosper.

Business appointments

#### NatWest International board restructured

As a result of the recent re-structuring of National Westmin-ster Bank group's international business, Mr G. G. Draper, head of operations, has been made head of banking operations, inter-national banking division, and Mr T. A. Green becomes head of T. A. Green becomes head of marketing and finance.

Mr Green is succeeded as chief international executive, corporate financial services, by Mr N. R. Jarritt, senior international executive for the United Kingdom.

Mr D. Morgan, chief manager. overseas branch, has been made chief international executive. Europe, succeeding Mr E. E. Ruddell, who becomes chief international executive, offshore banking operations. Mr G. Cathles, executive vice-president, executive is new business development director, and Mr Michael Boward new business development director, and Mr Michael Boward new business development director. ing operations, and G. cantes, executive vice-president, executive vice-president, executive tive office north America. Is to be chief international executive United Kingdom banking operations. Mr G. J. Peacock becomes chief international executive, strategic investments. Mr D. A. L. Hickson is the new chief executive of Burman Indus-trial Products. He will succeed Mr J. A. Roberts, who is leaving the group to become managing director of Rubernid.

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Mr H. J. Hebden, deputy managing director, has been made managing director of Massey-Ferguson (United Kingdom). He succeeds Mr R. M. Jennings, who is leaving the company.

Mr Christopher Strang and Mr Peter Christopher Strang and Mr Peter Christopher Strang and Mr Mr Christopher Strang and Peter Clarke have been made joint managing directors of Ault & Wiborg.

Mr J. W. Todd joins the board

Mr L. Davis has been made a director of Trident Television. Mr Nicholas Assbeton is to be-Mr Nicholas Assuellu is work-come senior partner of stock-brokers Montagn, Loebl, Stanley from April 17 next. Mr Geoffrey White will remain deputy senior partner. Mr Assheton succeeds Mr M. Tapscott.
As a result of the death of Mr

Peter Black, chairman of Peter Black Holdings, Mr Thomas Black and Mr Gordon Black have been made foint chairmen. They will continue as joint chief executives. Mr R. E. Amstad is now chief manager at the London office of the Swiss Bank Corporation from Leaves.

director, and Mr Michael Boward new business development thrector of the industrial division.

Mr P. C. Methley is the new managing director of Stewart Wrightson International group, ing director of Stewart Wrightson (UK), will succeed Mr B. H. Westcott as managing director when the latter gives up executive responsibility on December 31 before retirement early in the new year.

Mr William T. Herndon, vice-president, has been made head of Citibank's operating group in the United Kingdom. He succeeds Mr Peter J. Wolfe, who is return-ing to the New York operating

group.

Miss Felicity Green, publicity director of Mirror Group. Newspapers, is to be managing director of Vidal Sasson from Decamber 1. She will join the group board of Vidal Sasson fac as executive vice-president.

Mr Norman Davis becomes director of Chloride Power.

Two new main board directors, Mr John Livingston and Mr Colin Beattie, have been appointed by William Leech (Builders).

#### RESULTS

The September quarter was a poor one, especially in comparison with the good results for the corresponding period of 1976. The sales increase was largely accounted for by price rather than volume, which rose by only about 1 per cent in the quarter.

In Europe markets were sluggish and sales volume fell slightly. Disappointing results in Animal Feeds and Ice Cream can be attributed to the wet summer of 1977 as opposed to the hot drought conditions in 1976. Oil milling results were badly affected by reduced demand for meal, leading to lower volume and margins.

In North America this quarter's profits improved on those of 1976. In other overseas countries results remain ahead of last year. Results from UAC international continue to be good. Total results are again influenced by the effect of the change in the shareholding of UAC of Nigeria. Based on a comparison with 1976 figures adjusted to show the effect of this change, sales in the September quarter rose in value by 14 per cent while operating profits on this basis fell by 15 per cent for the September quarter.

#### DIVIDENDS

The Boards today declared interim dividends in respect of 1977 on the Ordinary capitals at the following rates which are equivalent in value at today's rate of exchange in terms of

the Equalisation Agreement between the two companies:

per 25p Ordinary share 7.64p (1976: 7.46p)

per Fl. 20 Ordinary capital Fl.3.40 (1976: Fl.3.20) LIMITED's interim dividend, taking account of the reduction in Advance Corporation Tax, is equivalent to the interim dividend for 1976. The strengthening of the £ Sterling gives rise to a higher interim dividend in N.V. In the case of N.V. the interim

dividend will be paid on 22nd December, 1977. Of LIMITED's interim dividend, an amount of 4.66p per share will be paid on 23rd December, 1977 to shareholders registered

on 9th December, 1977. In gross equivalent terms (i.e. after adding Advance Corporation Tax at the current rate) this payment of 4.66p will represent an increase of 10 per cent over the corresponding payment a year ago (4.18p).

The balance of LIMITED's 1977 interim dividend, amounting to 2.93p per share, and the deferred balance of 1976 and earlier dividends amounting to 17.79p per share making a total of 20.77p per share, will be paid, when circumstances permit, to holders of Ordinary capital now in issue registered at the time of payment. For the purpose of equalising

LIMITED's and N.V.'s dividends under the Agreement, the Advance Corporation Tax in respect of any dividend paid by LIMITED has to be treated as part of the dividend. The figures now announced for LIMITED's 1977 interim dividend and the deferred balance of 1976 and earlier dividends have been calculated by reference to the current rate of Advance Corporation Tax (34/66ths): if the rate is changed before payment of these dividends has been completed, the figures will be adjusted accordingly and a further announcement made. The 1976 interim dividend of 7.46p shown above was calculated at the then current rate of 35/65ths.

The resolution of the members at LIMITED's Annual General Meeting on the 11th May, 1977, required the final dividend in respect of 1976 of 11.78p per share declared by that resolution to be adjusted by the Directors in the event of a change in the rate of Advance Corporation Tax. Since then the rate of Advance Corporation Tax for the year beginning the 6th April, 1977, has been fixed at 34/66ths. If this rate had been determined prior to the payment of 7.01p per share in respect of that dividend on the 23rd May. 1977, the payment would have been 7.12p per share. A further payment of 0.11p per share will therefore be made on the 23rd December, 1977 to shareholders registered on the 9th December, 1977.

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#### MARKET REPORTS

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#### Wall Street

saares compared with 27.74 million yesterday.

Brokers said further profit-taking on strong recent gains was brought on in part by the report late on Tuesday of another weak rise in industrial output last month.

The report contrasted with earlier news of a strong showing in last month's retail sales.

Also in the day's economic news: October United States housing starts were strong, and personal income in October showed the biggest rise in seven months.

However, analysts said investors were preoccupied with nailing down their earlier gain.—AP-Dow Jones.

Gold loses heavily

March, 132,00-8,00c.
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from commission houses. Dec. 51,30Scc. March, 51,95c May 52,70c;
July, 55,30c; Oct. 52,20-25c; Dec,
54,87-89c; March, 55,20-80c.

Dealers deny moves to limit coffee exports

Delegates of coffee exporting nations meeting in London, told their counterparts from import-ing countries yesterday that supplies to the world market.

Delegate sources said the exporters had made this point when reporting at a meeting of the International Coffee Organisation (ISO) executive board on talks the exporter nations held in London on Mon-

#### Chile may enter futures markets

Chile's economy ministry and the government planning bureau have proposed scrapp-ing exchange controls which prevent Chilean firms from signing future delivery contracts in international terminal mar-kers, a Central Bank Official said in Santiago.

The official, foreign exchange director, Mr Camilo Carrasco.

said the proposal is currently being considered at top govern-

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#### **Foreign** Exchange

With the important West German market closed for a public holiday, currency trading was rather slack yesterday. The Bank of Japan kept its firm grip on the wen, to stop it rising above 245 to the dollar. Small mixed movements were the pattern in most centres, including London, where the pound ended 15 points better at 1.8175 to the dollar after extremes of 1.8160-1.8195. The exchange rate stayed at 63.7 for the third day running.

Slightly easier at the outset, behind a warning from an American government official that the United States trade deficit will remain for quite a while yet, the dollar fluctuated narrowly thereafter to end with no decided trend. D-marks firmed slightly to DM2.2465

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Gold tell sharply amid heavy selling, losing \$2.25 an ounce to close at \$159.125 an ounce.

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Credit flows proved adequate vesterday, and the authorities found no need to intervene, though it looked at one time as though one or two houses might have to borrow. A late flow of funds saved the day.

During the morning, progress was slow and rates stayed in the 4½ per cent area. Clearing banks plaved an inactive part as they conserved their balances for the third Wednesday make-up.

In the afternoon rates drifted hicher, reaching 4½ per cent as houses sought to tempt lenders, and it was nor until the last 15 migutes or so that the situation eased. Then rates fell away smartly, and books were ruled off anywhere over a band from ½ per cent to 4½ per cent.

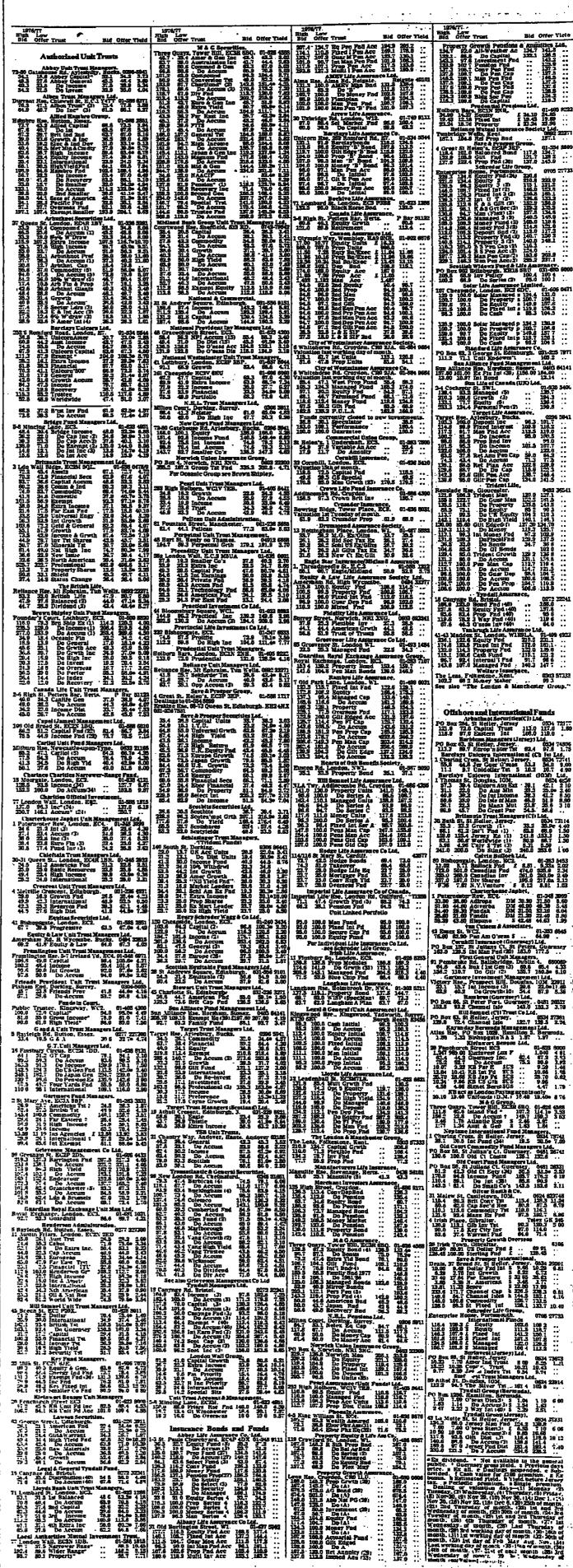
Plus factors for the market included bank balances that had come over from Tuesday at levels a very long way above target. **Money Market** Rates Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate Se-(Last changed 14 10 To (Lest changed 14 10 To (Lending Santha Base Rate 6); Discount Mit Leantha Demiliah Hall the Local A 10 Fixed Back Treasury Billio bits' a Seiling 40g Charatte, 40g 40g 1 pointing 40g Puring Linearity 48th Linearity 48th Prime Bank Bills Disks Trade of the Trade of 

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#### **Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds**





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Manufacturers of Heat Exchangers, Effluent Treatment Plant, Process Plant, Paper Machinery, Textile Machinery and General Industrial Plant. in the year ended 30th June 1977:

The Group achieved its seventh consecutive record. Pre-tax PROFITS increased by 29% to £1,321,605.

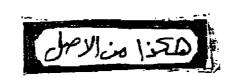
■ TURNOVER Increased to £12,333,307. Total DIVIDEND is 50% up, with Treasury approval.
Companies involved in HEAT TRANSFER collectively achieved another major increase in profits. Excellent progress in EFFLUENT PLANT manufacture;

turther expansion in production space planned. Record volume of incoming orders gained by PROCESS PLANT subsidiaries. Strong demand experienced for PAPER MACHINERY and long term prospects for TEXTILE MACHINERY

Mr E W Hunt, Chairman, says: "During the last two years we have substantially increased and modernised our production facilities. It is our policy to continue ith this pattern of Investment. "Cash is adequate to cover our ambitious capital expenditure programme and to linance the expected level of trading."

remain encouraging.

Copies of the full Report can be obtained from the Secretary, Hunt & Moscrop (Middleton) Ltd., P.O. Box 36, Apex Works, Middleton, Manchester M24 1QS.



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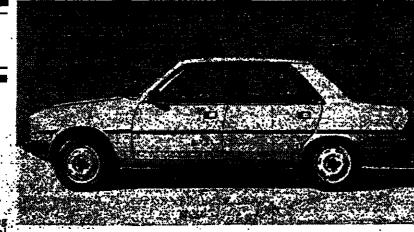
#### **Motoring**

#### Peugeot 305: a faultless first impression

First-impressions can be misleading and longer acquaintance might reveal defects not immediately apparent, but on the evidence so far the Peugeot 305, which is officially launched today, is the about the best new car I have drigan this year.

long way and is claimed to be a lot bigger than the Alpine's, though slightly smaller than the Cortina's. The claim of the spare wheel is sensibly stored under-

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A modest advance in its five-year-old campaign to convince motorists they can do without the spare wheel is amounced this week by Dunlop. The Denovo tyre, already available on several Leyland and First cars, is to become an optional extra for the Mini Clubman range.

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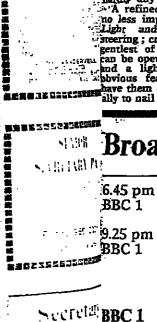
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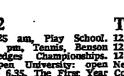




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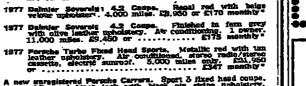
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MASTERS.—On 16th November, suddenly, at home, James Arthur, C.V.O., aged 77, beloved hus-hand of Cecily (Crowden), father of Bluary (Pooley), and Junan.

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Sister Mary Bonaventure, O.S.F.
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Convent, Staton, Devon, R.P.
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## Country stakes all on great leap forward

by Peter Hopkirk

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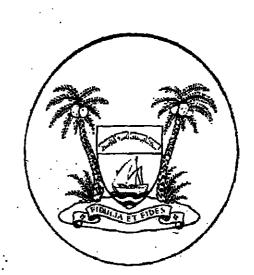
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by Atel Sultan

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#### No nationalization without compensation

by Marcel Berlins

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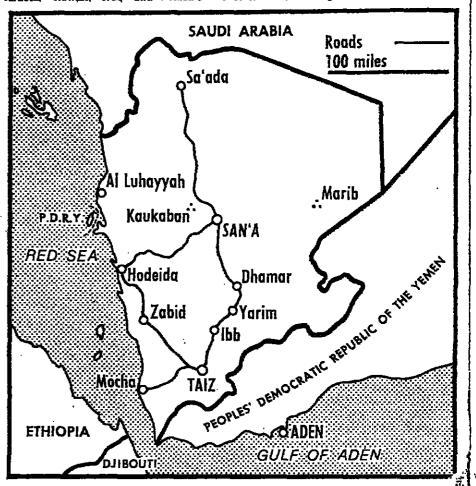
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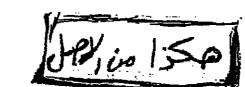
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In agriculture

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# OUTLOOK OF DEVELOPMENT IN

# By Mohammed Salem Basindwa, Minister of Development and

The Yemen Arab Republic with less than 7 million inhabitants on an area of about 200 thousand m2, belongs to the handful of least developed countries in the world. Several geographic and political factors, particularly the mountainous nature, the Imam-Regime before the revolution of the 26th of September, 1962, and the civil-war till the early seventies, imposed on the country a severe isolation from the rest of the world and an isolation of the areas from each other within the country as well. In fact, the 13th of June, 1974, the date of the Correction Movement under the leadership of President Ibrahim Al-Hamdi, is to be considered a principal historic turning point in the life of the country. This date marked the line between isolation and open doors and between economic stagnation and the development dynamics.



H.E. Mr Mohammed Salem Basindwa, Minister of Development and Charmain of the Central Planning Organisation.

When the country started to open its eyes on the modern culture, it found itself in confrontation with fundamental difficulties and bottlenecks. Notwithstanding the existence of the inherited traditional culture, which is based on wonderful terraces and water systems existing since thousands of years, and the multi-storey buildings standing on tops and summits, this culture was based on manual work and a primitive technology. All the fundamentals of the modern cultures, particularly the physical infrastructure and the qualified human resources, were almost non-existent. Agriculture depends on rainfall, the livestock is degenerated, industry is primitive and manual, and even the cities were in urgent need of clean drinking water, electricity and sewerage, whereas several diseases dominated the country heavily, like tuberculosis, malaria and belharzia, and the juridical and education system has not changed much since about 14 centuries.

Notwithstanding the important development during the last few years, the main bottleneck is still the infrastructure. Roads and ports are weak and unable to meet the needs of development, the skilled labour is rare and the migration of labourers is leading to a shortage even in unskilled labour. Particularly the institutions and leading personnel which should be responsible for planning and monitoring development and project implementation, are forming the main shortage.

One of the criteria of underdevelopment is the domination of agriculture in the economy, whereas it is characterized by poor technology and low productivity. Additionally the G.D.P. per capita is about \$113 (at constant prices of 1971/72, or \$237 at current prices). The final consumption is higher than the G.D.P., the G.D.P. per worker is about \$519, and a worker has—on average—to provide consumption for an addi-

tional three persons. The life expectancy at birth is less than 36 years for males and about 38 years for females. Infant mortality is estimated at 26% for males and 22% for females. There is on average one physician for every 41,000 of the population, one dentist for every 317,000 and one pharmacist for every 216,000. Per-capita electricity consumption is about the equivalent of 13kg of coal per annum.

Since the country moved towards opendoors policy and development within the system of free market economy, foreign loans and aids started to flow into the country and to contribute considerably to its development. They are estimated at about YR 515 Million in the last year, which is about 75% of the development expenditures of the government and the public and mixed sectors. Also the remittances from the Yemeni workers abroad provide the country with about 50 million \$ per month. Thus they are the main resource of foreign exchange and give the YR a strong position in the exchange market, but they are creating liquidity, which is making demand pressure on the market. The latter in its turn is not elastic, mainly due to the shortage of ports capacity and to the limited production capability. This is reflected in domestic inflation, added to the imported one. There is also the fact that this liquidity is in the hands of the citizens and that the government resources are insufficient for developing a strong public sector. This resulted in the policy of mobilization of the private resources—assisted and supported by the government—to create and enlarge the mixed sector, based on joint venture. This policy is supplemented by the support of ioint venture with foreign capital, the idea of management agreements with foreign firms and by the adoption of the methods of fast implementation of the projects like the turnkey method, direct contract negotiations, the invitation of offers without detailed performance specifications, etc. To encourage foreign and national investments in the country, the government issued an investment low last year. This low gives guarantees against confiscation and nationalization and includes several incentives like tax exemptions, etc..

in June, 1977, the government announced the first Five-Year Development Plan for the fiscal years 1976/77-1980/81. This period should form a sort of first stage towards the self-reliance on the part of the country in financing development and in the implementation of the construction part of the investments. To the Plan's main general goals belong the establishing of an



The teaching of Koran in the main mosque, Sanaa.

#### Past and planned growth of G.B.P.

Sector	ANNUAL AVERAGE RATE OF GROWTH							OF REAL GDP  GDP at Constant Prices of Base Year			
		· .	_	69/70- 75/76 actual %	72/73- 75/76 actual %	76/77- 30/81 planned %	Base yea Mill. YR	ar 75/76 %	. 80/ !- 184, YR	81	
Agriculture	••			6.6	4.9	5.5	2305	44.5	3010	39.2	
Industry				11.8	8.6	11.7	302	5.8	<b>5</b> 26	6.8	
<b>Building &amp; Const</b>	ructio	n	••	·8.0	5.2	14.4	227	4.4	445 258	5.8	
Transport & Com	muni	cation		12.0	8.0	11.3	151	2.9	258	3.4	
Trade				70.0	10.4	10.1	1220	23.6	1970	25.7	
Finance		• •		29.9	35.4	9.5	141	2.7	222	2.9	
Real Estate		• •		3.2	3.0	3.6	199	3.8	238	3.1	
Government Serv	ices	•• ;		10,5	11.0	10.0	509	9.8	820	10.7	
Other Services		•••	• •	7.1	7.1	੍ਹੈ 7.5	127	2.5	182	2.4	
TOTAL				7.7	7.0	8.2	5181	100	7671	100	

It is worth mentioning that the investment programme of the Government and existing public and mixed sectors include additional allocations consisting of about YR2. Billion and considered as incentive allocations for the projects. The sums shown in the above table are the real investments expected. Thus the investment programme will be about 17.10.4 Billions.

On the other hand the investments consisting of YR 15971 Mill fixed capital formation and YR.579 Mill. increase in stock are planned as follows:—

# Distribution of investments by sectors of economic activity and socio-economic sectors

Socio-economic Sectors/ Sectors of economic activi	ty	Govern- ment & existing public & mixed Sector	Cooperative Sector	New mixed projects identified	d Sector not identified projects	Private identified projects	Sector not Identified projects	Total Investments
Agriculture	- [0 0]	1086	2	<del></del>	208		980	2276
Mining & Quarrying .	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	79		· <u></u>	75	· —	20	179
Manufacturing	<b>(* 4</b> )	374		941	ें 83	315	285	1998
Electrics & Water		1159	103		. j 61	_	50	1373
Construction		33	43	50	200		125	451
Trade		130	7	11	3 89		391	628
Transport & Communicati	on	3360	615	67	283		600	4925
Finance		25		55		_	13	
Real Estate		150		220	<b>}</b> -		1720	2090
Government Services .		1610	. <del></del>	_	_	. —		1610
Other Services	•	· <u></u>	331		-		22	353
Subtotal Fixed Capital Fo	rmation	8006	1101	1344	999	315	4206	15971
ncrease in Stock		129	25	. 80	70	15	260	579
Total Investments .	· ,.	8135	1126	1424	1669	330	- 4466	16550

infrastructure for the economy and breaking the isolation of areas, developing construction capacity, strengthening education and training, particularly the medium-level staff, and strengthening the health care services. The Plan concentrates the efforts on studying the mineral and water resources, in industrialization (mainly of local raw materials), moving towards any possible self-sufficiency in food, agricultural products and building materials. One of the main general goals is the establishing of a modern state, able to ensure security and to lead and monitor development.

To the main strategies belong the concentration on increasing productivity, selection of capital, intensive technology, commodity wise integration of the productive sectors, the use of incentives, the creating of a new formula for integration, and the cooperation between the socio-economic sectors. i.e., government, public, mixed and private sectors, and the Yemeni and Arab integration. Ererna:

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As a result of many targets for increasing the production of individual goods and services, of inter-relations between investments and increases of value added and of reflections of the growth in a sector on the other—particularly the effect of increased import on transport activity, and the effect of investments on growth it construction—and

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In the light of the capability of the country to meet the material, financial and labour requirements, the investments of the Plan were estimated at YR 16.6 billions (1\$= YR4.55). The average annual rate of growth of G.D.P. was estimated at 8.2% and of G.D.P. per capita at 6.1% since population rate of growth was estimated at about 1.9%.

The following table provides a picture of the actual and planned growth of G.D.P. and the structural changes.

The Fixed capital Formation is consisting of the following components:

1—Construction: YR6.2 Bill. or 38.6%

2—Buildings: YR4.6 Bill. or 28.9%

3—Machinery & Equipment:

ent: YR4.7 Bill. or 29.4%

4—Others: YR0.5 Bill. or 3.1%
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As far as Capital Output Ratio is concerned it is estimated to increase gradually from 2.8/1 in the Base Year to 8.8/1 in the fifth year forming an average of 6.4/1 during the Plan period. This is due to concentration on capital intensive investments.

As the increase in stock is financed by the current Budgets, the Fixed Capital Formation will be financed as follows:

# Financial resources of fixed capital formation

Socio-economic Sectors/ Financial Resources	Governme Sector	Existing public & nt mixed sector	Cooperative Sector	New mixed Sector	Private Sector	TOTAL
Government	1750	250	268	381		2649
Self-financing	25	375 ·	411	225	73	1109
Citizens	25	25	402	900	4005	5357
Commercial Banks		50	<b>—</b> .	90	110	250
Subtotal: Internal Resource	ces 1800	700	1081	1596	4188	9365
External loans, committed External loans under	700	900	. —	16		1616
negotiation	1100	300		123	_	1523
Foreign aids committed	790	10	. —	3	. —	803
Foreign Aids under negotiation	360	. 40				400
Loans & aids needed	650	. 650	20	205	100	1625
€	000	6	20	400	233	639
Equity		<u>.</u>	<u>:</u>	400		009
Subtotal: External Resource	ces 3600	1906	20	747	333	6606
Grand Ttotal	5400	2606	1101	2343	4521	15975

It is obvious that the external resources for the whole Plan are about 41.2% whereas for the government, public and existing mixed Sectors they will be about 68.8%.

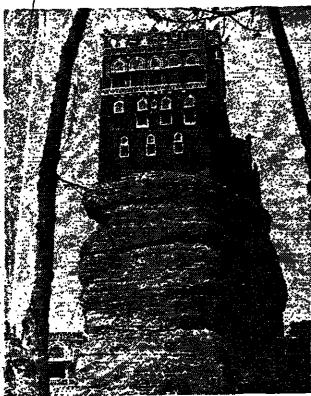
This table shows that the government's obligations towards the projects will be YR2,649 Millions. Taking into consideration the repayment of foreign loans, the obligations will be YR2,750 Millions.

The Government plans to eliminate the deficit in the current expenditures in the first year and achieve a surplus, which will be used for development. This will amount to YR430 Millions during the Plan period. Cash grants amounting to YR1.8 Billion and capital resources, external cash loans, loans from the Monetary System, investment loans and the use of the resources, amounting to YR520 Millions all together, will cover the rest of the Government's obligations.

As far as foreign trade is concerned, the import of consumer goods will grow at

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an annual average of 9.5%, for goods of intermediate consumption about 14.6% per annum, whereas the import of capital goods will grow at an annual average of 88.3%. This high rate is due to the small size of this category in the base year.

On the other hand, the export of goods which amounts to only YR55 Millions in the Base Year will grow at about 12.2% annually.

The foreign trade deficit is estimated at about YR18,148 Millions during the Plan period. A part of this deficit, i.e., about YR1,598 Millions, will be covered by the surplus of exchange of services with the rest of the world, but the main part of the deficit will be covered by the net private and public transfers, in cash and in kind, amounting to about YR13,830 Millions. Thus the deficit in the current account will be about YR2,720 Millions. The net external borrowing will meet this deficit and create a theoretical surplus in the balance of payment amounting to about YR1,358 Millions.

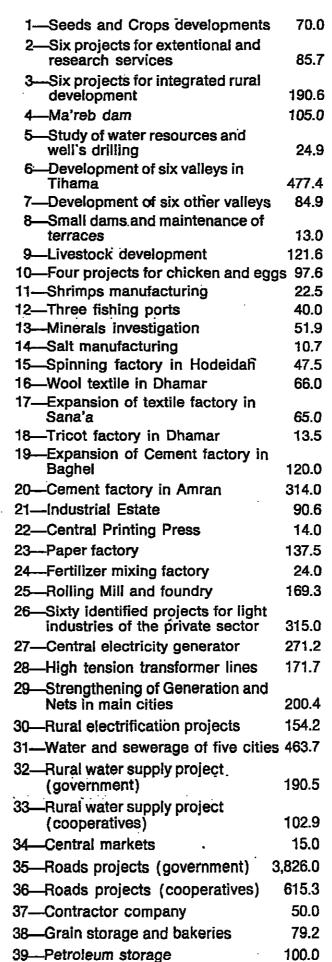
The Plan foresees that the public consumption will increase at an annual rate of 10%, whereas the consumption of households will increase gradually, starting by 4.1% in the Base Year reaching the rate of 7.3% in the fifth year, and making an average of 5.9%. Since the total final consumption in the Base Year is higher than the G.D.P., the saving from the Gross Domestic product is, therefore, negative. It is planned that this concept of saving will be nil in the algebraic total of it during the Plan period will be nil also.

The net saving out of NDP will be nil in the last year of the Plan. On the other hand, the saving out of National resources, i.e., G.N.P. is planned to increase by an average rate of growth of 7.6% per annum, so that the share of final consumption from GNP decreases gradually from 71.1% in the first year to about 69.9% in the last year.

Furthermore, it is estimated that the total number of workers being about 1,166,000 in the Base Year, will increase by 101,000 in 1980/81, taking the external migration into consideration. This increase will be at about 1.7% annually. Thus the productivity measured at real G.D.P. per worker will increase from YR4,444 in the Base Year to YR6,054 in 1980/81, i.e., 36.2% or 6.4% per annum, thereof 4.9% in the agriculture, 6.4% in industry, and 6.0% in construction.

The Plan includes about 460 identified Projects in all Sectors, some of them are in the form of integrated or condensed programmes, i.e., the projects for crops development, dams and valleys development, integrated rural development, agroindustries, livestock development, the industrialization projects, rural water supply, water and sewerage and town planning, electrification, geophysical survey, ports development, roads network, vocational training, health care programmes, etc.

The list below includes the most important projects, and the expenditures planned for them during the five years (in YR Millions):



40—Petroleum pipelines

41—Telephone exchange

42—Telephone nets development



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43—Expansion of TV net-work and	
stations	53.
44—Broadcasting station	28.
45—Hodeidah Port development	204.
46—Floating berth in Ras-el-Katheeb	35.
47—Expansion of Sana'a Airport	173.
48—Expansion of Taiz Airport	216.
49—Hodeidah Airport	150.
50—Local Airports development	12.0
51—Aircrafts	329.
52—Land Transport Company	67.
53—Government Central Estate	150.0
54—Government's estates and centres	
in districts	41.
55—Central workshop for	51.5
maintenance	
56—Real Estate's Bank	50.0
57—Hamdi's Housing City	220.0
58—Labourers Housing City	152.0
59—Primary, preparatory and teachers' schools (government)	286 22
60—Schools (cooperatives)	267.9
61—Secondary and commercial	~07.0
schools	60.6
62-Vocational training centres	
and schools	110.3
63—Informal education centres	23.3
64—Sana'a University	107.8
65—Scientific (religious) schools	27.8
66—Programmes for labourers'	
training	27.3
67—Basic health care centres	00.5
(government)	29.5
68—Health centres (cooperatives)	57.5
69—Vaccination programme and fighting of diseases	37.0
70—Hospitals (new and old)	129.6
71—Sana'a Sport City	60.0
72—Sana'a Museum	29.1
	29.1
73—Tourism estates and development of tourism areas	17.4
74—Tribunal buildings	44.1
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75—Feasibility studies	50.0
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Finally, it is worth mentioning that the Government of the Yemen Arab Republic decided to organize a "Yemen Development Conference" in late November to discuss this plan. All international Organizations, Banks and Funds and some multinational companies will be invited to attend this conference.

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## Mountainous land may plume itself on a variety of birdlife

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found near settlements cliffs. Here Tristam's grackle, birds frequently seen are rather stork-like and about the starting the charming little ciamathe size of a large duck, the family, is found. It looks like non-breasted rock burnings bird's pointed crest mirrors are its deserts, dunes and sit summing themselves high the more places for them to house, their wings out the starting the charming little ciamathe size of a large duck, the non-breasted rock burnings bird's pointed crest mirrors a glossy blackbird but has with their striped faces, and it beak giving its head a crested larks which scamper the size of a large duck, the non-breasted rock burnings bird's pointed crest mirrors are its summing themselves high bright chestmur patches crested larks which scamper the last second. It is often missed because it warches silently beside a stream and it can be approached to within yards

Other sunbirds found in vulture. In the Thama the Yemen are the Abyssinian Egyptian vulture has a fac-

ation with perhaps the They are common in Asia Close to Sana'a is Wadi hooded wheatear is the most treatest variety of birdlife and Africa and are usually Dahr, flanked by gaunt rocky noticeable. Other roadside in the Middle East. found near settlements cliffs Here Tristam's grackle, birds frequently seen are More than 200 species where they scavenge off a member of the starling the charming little ciona-

Apart from those birds ture. In the evenings, two amid rocky cliffs and ravines, expected to be found in a hours before sunset, a hundred as familiar European species rare seen, as well as birds found mostly in Africa, such as the hammerhead, Bateleur eagle, Namaqua dove and the surface subject. Namaqua dove and the surface starting.

The best time of year for an ornichological visit is between October and February in the migratory birds are gaster, is seen. It nests in Pass is reached where lampassing through. Starting from those birds ture. In the evenings, two amid rocky cliffs and ravines, two amid rocky cliffs and ravines, the tall figures.

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by Hugo Haig-Thomas
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Having long puzzled over found, which have ridicu-he hammerhead, a strange lously long legs like red ird, ornirhologists have knitting-needles, and also flocks of crab piover, named after their ravourite food which they crack open with their heavy bills.

Seven species of term have been recorded and also the

skimmers derive their name

## Local herbs add stimulus to cookery

by Ann Smith

traditional grains. In certain areas vineyards are very the holiday which murks the the right hand.

Yemeni cuisine is simple in general, with cereals made in the home. The subtle combination of interfined coreal dishes have always here important. Vegetables dough is first surerched cooked with local here interest in the region of incurrence controry, on interest in the region of incurrence controry, onlines, perpers and white the inside of a hor earther and is the properties which day.

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#### Mosaic tracery glints through translucent alabaster

rades, reflecting the cen- to higher rooms.

by Ronald Lewcock the rural buildings, and masonry pipe conveying the they are often filled with soil into a closed room at gypsum tracery designs continue lowest level, where it training brightly coloured quickly dries in the mountainers comparable stained glass. Older houses tain air and becomes odour-

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Almost, every house looks afternoons. One of the remarkable of North Yemen, but for all who prize the achievements of humanity, it is a matter things about the old houses, as urgent as the preservation of Venice.

The original liness and freedom from the author is a fellow of sale shuttered openings smells of the bathrooms in Clare Hall, Cambridge, and the houses, which also serve lectures at Cambridge as lavatories.

That is achieved by me tectural Aesociation in Longue of them than in use of a "long drop", a don.

first view of the retain familiants of ancient less. Later, the cried soil is creat. Canal in Venice. The type, translucent alabaster shovelled away and burnt as superscion of fantasy cas cur into thin sheets.

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This is clearly a country in which architecture is ranked high, giving a price and the flar and rooms in which sheep, which we might parallel in the marker were only be the marker where only be the marker were only be the marker where only be the marker were only be the marker were only be the marker.

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populated country. In the are 14,000 tower houses. It is unlikely that its extraordinary architectural heritage—not merely houses but also many caravanserais, public hot baths and count less mosques of the greatest ever be entirely destroyed.

Expression have laid on raised couch.

Above the disson are smaller, semi-private rooms and the kitchen, and at the smaller, cornices, corner pinkels, and white frames the afternoon reception the large windows room, the mafraj used only by men. There, an assembly of relatives and friends singuished by a dozen smoke the traditional water interest which soar well have even the remarkable stimulant leaf, while outset it is surrounded by a milet wall pierced by which is often phrased in the surrounded by a manient wall pierced by which is often phrased in the surrounded by ancient wall pierced by which is often phrased in the surrounded by a many now destroyed.

The large windows on the matray destroyed already been done, to the old walls and gates of San'a and Taiz, to the extraordinary Janad mosque, built during the first years of Islam, and, by neglect, to countless buildings besides. The Yemeni people will have to resign themselves to losing a part of their heritage with change; but it is to be hoped that steps may have to resign themselves to losing a part of their heritage with change; but it is to be hoped that steps may have to resign themselves to losing a part of their heritage with change; but it is to be hoped that steps may have to resign themselves to losing a part of their heritage with change; but it is to be hoped that steps may have to resign themselves to losing a part of their heritage.



Maria Theresa thalers, cylindrical talismen and other silver ornaments adorn this woman from the east of the country.

## Jewish silversmiths founded filigree tradition

by Angela Fisher

larly to Persia and India, nistan. and the accessibility of art

The Jewish silversmiths of in the east, women wear an from these areas have influenced Yemeni jewelry to thought of at home and abroad, and in the 1950s, the however, the designs are emigrating Jewish craftsman localized, and the exotic training a Yemeni before his jewelry peculiar to North Yemen is rarely made else.

Vast amounts of woney can change hands in the region of Khawlan in the east, women wear an ushah—a headband of fillingree silver and coral from which is suspended a nume which is suspended a nume which is suspended a nume of decorated with bells and placed on the forehead. Vast amounts of woney where.

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gold in the form of Yemeni Muslim people generally in the north the sadria is in the north the sadria is wear some kind of silver tiful breattolate with irs the Mediterranean or Red meanor represent from the seven strands of silver beads Sea, amber from the Somali evil eye. Miklas are cylin-coast and Egypt, and agates drical shaped containers: from the Yemeni mountains. hijab are rectangular shaped.

The jewelry industry flow.

gree wire work, granulation Jewelry can signify a stage (designing with fine raised of life. A woman receives beads) and intricate chain most of her jewelry when For a lover of old jewelry linking. Cornls and agates she marries a man receives North Yemen is one of the as a means of decoration.

Yemeni jewelry became elements in inverse royal most enticing places in the Yemeni jewelry became elements in jewelry reveal world. Elaborate silver and widely sought after. Arab the different locality of

world. Eloborate silver and widely sought after. Arab gold necklaces, delicate filished thought from Aden took it gree beads, intricate mesh to the east coast of Africa, collars, ornate silver rings with coral and agate, brace-where it was traded for mangrove poles, and to Zanzibar, where it was exchanged for less and ceremonial daggers cloves and other spices. The exquisitely wrought are just annual Muslim pilgrimage some of the treasures to be found.

Early sea trade, particularly to Persia and India, nistan.

Widely sought after. Arab the different locality of people in North Yemen In remote villages each woman will own a similar set of jewelry for festive occasions. It may vary in quality depending on the same of the family, but the design of the pieces and the combination in which they are worn remains typical to the family status of the family, but the design of the pieces and the combination in which they are worn remains typical to the family status of the family.

ciated with silver-smithing, poorer ones may arrange to "Egyptian" amber and Their execution of silver and borrow or rent pieces of others of black and white gilt filigree work of the jewelry, especially for the Vemeni agains. In the

Most Yemeni Jews settled ostentatious. The silk head in San'a—and hence the jewelry centre developed there. Smaller industries and markets emerged in other decorations, bracelets, and romes like Sa'ada and Taiz, where Jewish communities were also strong.

is beautiful, lavish and even large embossed silver disc and coins. Also worn are the silver or gold washed servings, necklaces, hair markets emerged in other decorations, bracelets, and romes trimmed with tiny bells.

Bedu women of the desert opending on the wealth of the unner arms with strings of couple.

The jewelry industry flourished. Silversmiths sat stone and trimmed with tiny flowers over their soldering fires. They belts and armbands, and were hemmed in by their often enclose messages from wares, which festooned their the Koran. Some of the finest tiny shops. They produced some of the finest jewelry or changed, others are sealed using the techniques of fili-

In the region of Khawlan Where.

Qu'al Yahud, the former

Jewish quarter of San'a, the capital, has long been the traditional centre of jewelry in the country. The Yemeni Jews have always been associated with silver-smithing.

Vast amounts of money silver balls, three cylindrical radismans and 13 Maria Theresa thalers, covers the capital, has long been the £2,000 on jewelry for their traditional centre of jewelry in the country. The Yemeni Jews have always been associal status. Some men buy a preference for murius, gold, others silver and the good of yellow copal resin.

The Jabal Sahar women from Tair in the south have gold, others silver and the good of yellow copal resin.

The Jabal Sahar women from Tair in the south have social status. Some men buy a preference for murius, gold, others silver and the Egyptian amber and finest degree has resulted in the high reputation of this craft. A silversmith's status was at the top of the Yemeni Jewish society.

Most Yemeni Jews settled peweiry, especially for the high reputation, so that the wedding celebrations, so that al-Hogereia area in the south a typical wedding consists of seven strands of consists of seven strands of consists of seven strands of the settled obsentiations. The silk head, large embossed silver disc

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#### Education a priority in land of scattered settlements

by Kathleen Partridge

In a land as mountainous as live in remote and scattered

as a priority. More than 80 scriptions, they were more per cent of our people are widespread in the south of six million or so, only 300,000 children are civil war. Perhaps for this receiving an elementary education."

The five-year plan allo-country.

cates £140m to education— about 7 per cent of the total budget—and the Government

Already much has been normal achieved, compared with the tions. dark days of the Imamate "The when only the sons of the are has rich received any education Even that was very restricted, with the accent on Koranic instruction, for the imams feared—with reason—

A few hand-picked young semiements of fewer than permitted to study abroad. 250 people, one of the big mostly at military academies in Iraq and Egypt, while in deliveration is the 1950s some Egyptian tea-Yemen to set up a small But it was not until after the 1962 revolution that schools were built in any numbers. Often provided by local subas a priority. More than 80 scriptions, they were more

higher education, mainly to other Arab countries or to

"Their so-called degrees When the lare President are hardly worth the paper Hamidi came to power in

repressive conditions inside expressed a number of times in various contexts.

A few hand-picked young Others argue, however, men were from time to time that any level of skill is of permitted to study abroad, value in a country with a mostly at military academies desperate shortage of trained

rulers of the newly pro-claimed republic realized try. With the help of the Kuwait Fund a university civil war. Perhaps for this y reason the level of literacy in the south is higher than in any other part of the country.

In the 1960s many more Yemenis went abroad for higher education, mainly to other devices.

Educational thickers is the academic year 1970-71, staffed by Egyptian teachers, and a number of other educational institutions were set up with the help of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, China and other benefactors.

Educational thickers is a second of the control of

pes that this will at least higher education, mainly to Yemen has traditionally order a broad educational other Arab countries or to been deeply influenced by se on which to build. The the communist block. There Egypt, and the syllabus organisme is kinnited not are educational establishing to the syllabus fluenced by the financial resources ments—notably in the Soviet almost the same as the taken by the chronic Union—which cater special by financial resources ments—notably in the Soviet almost the same as the also by the chronic Union—which cater speci- Egyptian one. Some obtage of trained teachers ally for students from devel-servers feel that there is too oping countries who lack the great an emphasis on acanormal minimum qualifica- demic education for the

development. A three-year plan was drawn up and this was followed by the present five year plan. The Govern-ment hopes to increase the number of pupils in primary end of the plan in 1981. The full primary course lasts six years and children begin at

Although education is theorecically free and available year course, and here equally to boys and girls in Government is aiming coeducational schools, social increase of 139 per cel and religious traditions the number of pupils. have led to boys outnumbering girls in the classroom by 18 to one. In a country where child labour is taken

the age of six or seven.

The tan'n, or contribution and there should be at least expected from parents to wards books and other expenses in locally provided schools, sometimes inhibits the poorest families from sending their children to primary school. But on the whole parents seem to rate education highly and and there should be at least direction, the council also covered the mancial and provides English teachers to provide English teachers

After primary school the next step up the educational ladder is the preparatory school which pupils attend for three years. The Government ment hopes to increase the comes the secondary school,

The Government is hoping for the biggest increase 297 still go abroad for higher where child labour is taken per cent—in the relatively education. The British for granted in shops, on small number of students Council, for instance, spon-

that knowledge of the outside they are written on", one 1974 he started a "correct chers at present outstrips double. Some 12 per cent world would lead to discon-Western educationist told tion movement" encompassing the Government's ability to of undergraduates are girls tent with the primitive and me, and I heard this view ing the whole of Yemen's provide them. and the proportion is rising adult illiterates. De steadily. Most of the girls considers this so be wear veils, as classes are lem deserving al

> try whose educational deve-education in the lopment is still in its infancy. Experts from his de Not surprisingly in a counnumber of preparatory there are vital gaps in the school children by 159 per system. San'a University has cent during the period of no faculties of medicine or the five-year plan. Next agriculture, but the foundation for both these will be system. San'a University has used in India and tion for both these will be laid during the term of the year course, and here the present plan and the Government hopes that they will the country. Dr lei Government is aiming at an increase of 139 per cent in the next plan period. Many Yemeni students women.

for granted in shops, on farms and even in road who graduate from elemen of pupils of both sexes do not complete their primary studies, except among the middle classes.

The tan'n, or contribution expected from parents towards books and other expenses in locally provided schools, sometimes inhibits teachers have any formal public Administration. For instance, sponded educating the pupils of source, sponding the pupils of pupils of post-the Government is in graduate students every year who come to Britain to study problem: how to come to Britain to study subjects of particular usefulsubjects of particular usefulsubj

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borrowed time, according to Under Imam Yahya, who gastro-enteritis, official life expectancy was assassinated in 1948, whooping-cough figures. This is not surprisvery few European doctors tory infections, ing, considering the gauntlet were allowed into the of endemic diseases he or country, and no Yeminis she has to run from the were permitted to go abroad moment of birth. In a to study medicine. The few country where, until hospitals were chromically which require presently any country of hypersoft to the property of the country where, until hospitals were chromically recently, any concept of hysikort of trained staff, drugs giene or medical care was and equipment, and the docat the top of the list come almost unknown and where tors were expected to preventive medicine is still devote themselves to the diarrhoeal diseases, but in its infancy, the express lmam, his family and sion "survival of the fitselficulties most Euro-

sion "survival of the fittest" is a grim reality.

To try to make up for the lost years under the imams left.

There was little improved diseases of the eye such as trachoma. An estimated 45 per cent of schoolchildren was present Government is aim notoriously mean. In the late ing to spend £25m on health care over the period of the five-year plan. By 1981 the Yemen Arab Republic hopes to have increased total hospital at Hodeida. When they requested to have set up 259 rural health units, 97 dispensaries and 37 health centres; and to have inoculated 400,000 friends. In the face of all these difficulties most Euro-measles and inflammatory diseases of the eye such as trachoma. An estimated 45 per cent of schoolchildren suffer from eye diseases.

The infant mortality rate is at present depressingly high overall, in spite of dramatic local improvements achieved by the mother-and-to have inoculated 400,000 were told to take the newly built San'a figure is 160 deaths for each 1,000 live births, but them when they requested in yamist that this is only and 5/ hearth centres; and to have inoculated 400,000 children. Other related goals are to reduce tuberculosis by 20 per cent, bilharaia by 30 per cent and makeria by

to power in 1974, was no organized

terrible by the The caused O per cent.

Before the present regime but it was not until the late.

Colonel al-Hamdi seized colonel al-Hamdi seized The Koran instructs that power in 1974 that any babies should be breast-fed serious attempt was made for two years and instructs that

From the multitude of

diseases endemic in Yemen, the Ministry of Health has

formally

The problems facing the Government are enormous not least the geographical mothers milk supply is included in reaching those adequate. Some experts faced by environmental immunity to the country of scattered believe that chewing the dangers of incorrect hazard for mixing are obvious when 90 community—is hepatitically in reaching those adequate. Some experts faced by environmental immunity to immunity to the country of scattered. serious attempt was made for two years, and in rural by a government to organize areas this is often carried speaking still in the Middle and the problems facing the Ages. The few uncoordinated medical facilities of that did exist were provided by United Nations-sponsored difficulty in reaching those are often in accessible hamlets.

Most of the clinics and hospitals they founded are molnutation and low standinose being absorbed into an integrated health service, hygiene create the conditions in which epidemics time before North Yemen thrive, and every year from unsterilized bottles, the middle standing that such babies are often per cent of women cannot that such babies are often per cent of women cannot that such babies are often per cent of women cannot have being population seem to have built up a good imposite in middle standing that such babies are often of women cannot that such babies are often of the such provided that such babies are often of the such provided that such babies are often of the such population seem to have built up a good imposite in adequate. Some experts faced by environmental immunity to this disease.

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A Yemeni nurse injects a schoolboy while his companion looks on.

dangers of incorrect hazard for the expatriate and of local nursing

per cent of women cannot -is hepatitis, although the

ecessity, on cure rather than on prevention.

The Government sees the tion in the countraining of staff as one of its standard of nurs most urgent tasks. The hospitals are staffed by Rus-Chinese, Swedes, "practical nurse ans, Germans, tion, which t Americans, Germans, tion, which they Italians, Britons and variacquired simply by our other nationalities, as at a hospital. well as by Yemenis. By common consent, the stand-

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#### **Britain** in on the ground floor

by John Whelau

The pattern of British exports to North Yenen, up from £9m in 1975 to £19.7m in 1976, tells only part of the story of British participation in Yemen's develop-

The post-Ramadan August-September improvement in for a consultancy contract business has already brought at Hodeida port, is also in success in one major convolved in agriculture tisk consultants Kennedy & struction project. Costain International and Amey tage over most of the Arabi Roadstone Construction have an peninsula in that its in a joint venture won a 6,670,000 population is land film contract to build an based with less than 10 per airport at Hodeida. Cable & cent living in the three Wireless, which is already in main towns of Hodeida, Taiz volved in an earth satellite and San'a.

September improvement in fully of British consultants Kennedy & Donkin as advisers to the Donkin as advisers to the Corporation on a national power generation and grid is generating in the three capacity, excluding private generators, is now only station at Ghuraff, near volved in an earth satellite station at Ghuraff, near San'a, and on a 10-year franchise to run the country's external communications, will handle electrical and air is expected to take five Hodeida as a sub-contractor.

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North Yemen offers consi-

Brirish consultants have plazed the trail into Yemen

Sir William Halcrow & Partners, which is bidding for a consultancy contract

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although the port congestion processing and grain storage restrictions: there is an of the Middle East Econoat Hodeida may cause units. Two contracts for a initial five-year tax holiday, mic Digest.

delays. The award is all the sile and bagging plant at no duty on imported goods more satisfying to British Hodeida and for civil works and agencies may be 100 per interests as the consultants are out to tender returnable cent foreign. The Governare international — Sofreavia this month. The £21.8m ment publishes tenders of France and the Geneva-project also involves a large from time to time but based International Civil contract for mechanical and prefers the Central Planning Aviation Organization bakery equipment which is Organization to shortlist being reduced to a short list firms before inviting them

Donkin as advisers to the Kingsley Aviation Services, Yemen General Electrical which is the British agent Corporation on a national for Carpolux of

have returned a preliminary tial teething problems but report to the Yemeni auth-IAS in particular says the ority and say the works are demand for air freight is likely to entail a steam-pow-continuing strong. ered generating station with a transmission system linking the start of its development Hodeida and San'a with the programme and it seems possibility of later exten that the construction sector

consultants have of suppliers.

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capacity, excluding private lines started a weekly generators, is now only vice to San'a in August 1976. 17.5MW. Kennedy & Donkin Both experienced some ini-

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## A microcosm of the nation's history

by Clive Smith

While Marib has the glamour and attraction of fostering the Queen of Sheba, Kankahan has no such obvious reputation but it does reflect in microcosm much of the history of the by car and a further climb of about 40 manutes, usually on foot, to the top of its mountain site. Kaukaban is one of North Yemen's many historic towns

yemen's many historic towns and now a favourite place for the townist. It is on an impregnable site, with three sides dropping sheer some 1,000 ft and its northern side separated from the massif by a chasm which has been falled in to allow access.

It is built of sandstone that has mellowed with time and glows with the early morning and evening sun. It is the traditional gateway to the mountain ranges sweeping away to the nouth and west which house part of the important Bekil and Hashid tribal confederations.

Before Islam only a fort was there, a place of refuge for tribesmen near by with store, stone buildings and inadequate water tanks. By the first century AD it lay in one of the groupings, with its centre at Shibam/Aqyam below, which probably formed the great tribal federation known as Himyar which was 10 fight and supersed hands dancing procession halfway down the mountain to the town to withstand longer deared. The town the town the thirt tenth triangles in the time tenth, fourteenth and if the town to hit their base in the time that their cantury was theid by supporters of sale after the Anahac word often watched by visitors. The town is reputedly and often watched by visitors. The town is reputedly and often watched by visitors. The town is reputedly and the store in the time town to the dinces are lively and often watched by visitors. The town is reputedly to the mountain to for constellation because its richly embelished buildings such that their continuity outside their area at least 20 different names for rooms in the sare. There was there are at least 20 different names for rooms in the secure of local support could only be secured by vigilance. The town used to twinkle from the mountain like stars. There are at least 20 different names for rooms in the sare at least 20 different names for rooms in the sare at least 20 different names for rooms in the twent their own the water by vigilance. The town the time town that their own the mountain like stars. There was there at least 20 different names f and now a favourite place

Remains of forts and dams

Outomans broke their power during in the surrounding country during their second occupation (1872-1913) by enforcing on their leading families that times; and the cliffs above Shibam are peppered with caves into which townspeople, escaped in times of trouble. The strategic value of the site imposses the visitor as the climbar the paved that the Turkish commander had a large number of waltows the paved that the paved that the strategic value of the site imposses the visitor as the climbar the paved that the paved that the surrounding their second occupation (1872-1913) by enforcing glattering Rasulid dynasty in the tharteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth centuries whose commerce, administration and scholarship afforded the country great prominence.

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royal and imposing mount Kankaban now has a serve the effort involved tain town east of Raydah. vigorous welfare association mind, mustle and purse.

By the time of the Ayyubid invasion led by Tughtakin, one of Sakadin's ment has brought electricity
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assemble in the market
square to dance the bara.

the north from the debris assemble in the market of houses he destroyed; and square to dance the bara he constructed the vast Afterwards they proceed in the town to withstand longer down the mountain to the same of another families.

federation known as Himyar first occupation lasted from farming which support the support the farming which support the fa the town of Shibam. eighteenth century) until the influence of which in-Remains of forts and dams. Outomans broke their power

Ottoman Turks only a hondred years ago.

An early imam, Al Mansur
Abdullah bin Hamzah, in the
twelfth century is said to
have been the first to
encourage the building of a they built in Yemen and
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mosque and houses there, it is an important building strategic and picturesque
remains were later carried. The wall faring the town and lit,
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their reflection in the water.
The barracks built by them
of Ma'bar 50 miles south of
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years. Today he lives quietly in exile in Kent.

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For years before the coup
which toppled him, the
country had been in the
cruel grip of his father.
Imam Ahmed, the most repressive of all Yemen's
rulers. Public beheadings,
the amputation of hands and
feet and the chaining of feet, and the chaining of downfall for many months prisoners to the walls of with the intention of replactheir dungeons were his ing the country's ancient method of maintaining the country's ancient theoracy with a modern reorder. The heads of those public, Indeed it appears that who had been executed there was more than one were sometimes displayed group of plotters at work, on spikes on the walls of one of them within his own the capital and severed family.

These there struck there within the world was caught by the communic vision of a king deprived of his throne by the capital and severed family. on spikes on the walls of one of them within his own the capital and severed family, hands of thieves nailed up When they saruck, there-

or the mountains of the version is that he bribed his north.

The tribes there rallied to back on his throne he docked his cause, and immediately the amount from their the country was plunged meagre pay. In the event, to into a civil war which was everybody's surprise, he died to cost some 200,000 lives in his bed of natural causes, and to last more than seven abelit just in time.

Young officers plotting his downfall

For already the young offi- Saudi Arabia with its sparse coloner and a blood cers had been plotting his population and meagre seized power in a blood downfall for many months defence capacity.

Least form Western Hamdi, after assuming the

For centuries, locked away before texempt. Ar least two discontinuous mountain ramparts, Yemen remained as remote and isolated from the outside world as Thet. The few Western travellers who managed to penetrate to its interior found a medieval backwater, cut off from all material progress and liberal thought, and ruled over by autocratic, often barburic imams.

Lis inhabitants were—and still are today—liercely independent, and more like Gurk. has than the Beduin of the Arablan peninsula. A Turkish general who once fought them declared admiringly: "All Europe could be conquered by such men."

Life continued with little change until 1962 when a group of Masser-inspired woung officers overthrew the last of the imams, who had been on the throne just a week Believed by the revolutionaries proclet and fine mountains of the mountains of the mountains of the morth. The tribes there rallied to the mountains of the morth.

The tribes there rallied to the form the behind his troop has been and field the capital, San'a. We to freedom. Another for the mountains of the mountains of the morth.

Even his own family was big place in San'a was halp aliany which had encounts his place in San'a was his place and so the stant who rid at their prison circled it Next day the revo to executed in the rid with place and their prison circled it. Next day the revo to the sancting reported the many where a his place and should and field by tanks which had encircled it. Next day the revo to the sancting reported the many where sheloty that their triumph was to find their triumph was to find the shortly their triumph was to find the shortly their triumph was

The Egyptians, who were almost certainly behind the coup in the first place, immediately offered military assistance to the republicans. and within days paratroops and within days paratroops and arms were pouring into Hodeida, the country's principal port. As the height of the war the Egyptian expeditionary force totalled some 60,000 men. Most observers believe that, with went into exile in Britain. observers believe that, with his eye on its oil resources, Nasser's aim was to carry the revolution through into For already the young offi- Saudi Arabia with its sparse Colonel Ibrahim el-Hamdi

> Reporters from Western newspapers made their way from Saudi Arabia to the had taken over because they

by Peter Hopkirk

nationalists were ruthlessly
destroyed.

Even his own family was annually as Revolution Day—
their cvacuetion of the not exempt. At least two of his palace in San'a was shell country. One British reporter

Three years after both Saudi Arabia and Egypt had withdrawn their support, the In June, 1974, a 10-member

presidency, explained to the saw the country "advancing towards a sea of blood", meaning another civil war. He promised that elec



A herd of camels in the arid Tihama, or lowlands

#### Haven of traditionalism saved from oblivion

terms of scenery and flora Airways (via Khartum) it is more like a piece of Syrian Arab Airways (via East Africa tra bodily into Arabia.

To stand looking down cow) and Ethiopian Airlines upon the great Wadi Dar, a (via Addis Ababa).

Some of these routes inform San'a, is like finding a lost civilization. Ancient the intermediate point; stone and mad villages others an overnight stop be comparious can also be

Ages.

With the twentieth century hammering on the door, however, before too long North Yemen will surely look much like any and most expensive hotel.

Anyone anxious to see this standard in the country, beautiful country and its though a thousand more attractive people should not should be added during the put off his visit too long, present five-year plan, although the Government declares its intention of present five-year plan.

Most tourists today are describes as "culture of the nation's tradition and oriented", meaning that they come to see the classic

the three of four hotels considered suitable for Western The small scale of visitors will cost between tourism is explained partly left and £30 a night. Restourism, as known in the facilities, but also because the foreign with the foreign and visitors are considered any serious attempt to the facilities the country's many fined to eating in their publicize the country's many hotel restaurant where a attractions. As a result lew somewhat indifferent meal travel agents have much head

Once out in the villages, which takes occasional however, life becomes parties is Allen and Dunn, themper, and much more of Soho Square, London, Its rugged. Outside the few 13-day tour takes in San'a; larger towns there are no Wadi Dar, Sada'a (in the hotels, an the visitor will north), Taiz, Marib—once have no choice but to the capital of the Queen of accept the hospitality of Sheba-and other spots. local people who very likely Because of the high cost

Unless he gets about on average visitor this year local buses or "service" will have spent about 570 a taxis—not that easy unless the has a smattering of Ara-visitors may feel it wise to bic—the visitor will be take a package tour, with forced to hire a car or taxi. Depending on the age of the vehicle, this can cost anything up to £100 a day with driver. A new Mere anything up to £000 a day with driver. A new Mere cost its perhaps best suited to the owner about £10,000, an invisitor with specialist investment which has to be terests, such as botamists

With its cool and fertile no direct flights wet, although Yemen Arab Airmon with the desert lands lines are negotiating a service between Sar'a and London that matter, anywhere for that matter, anywhere present for getting there else in the Middle East. In from London include Sudan Damascus), Saudia (via Jiddah), Aeroflot (via Mos-cow) and Ethiopian Airlines

stone and mud villages climb up the mountainsides, at the feet of which spreads a rich carpet of gardens and smallholdings, perhaps the greenest and most peaceful scene anywhere in the Arab world.

Apart from the intrusion of the car, a handful of modern hotels and fairly ture may begin to improve, good roads between its main centres, most of the country still belongs to the Middle Ages.

With the twentieth century hammering on the door, however, before too thers an overnight stop. Connexions can also be picked up in Cairo.

With the introduction ef direct flights from London three years—of the new Hilton Hotel in the capital, the somewhat bleak tourist picture may begin to improve schedulad, the first of which—the Sheba—is scheduled for completion next being built for the Sam City thorel, the capital's newest

of the nation's tradition and oriented", meaning that architecture. Nor must he they come to see the classic expect to find there the comforts available in some tones and architecture, traditional sidver jewelty, folkother Middle Eastern countries, or in neighbouring beauty, rather than to ke on the spects, North Yemen is still very primitive.

It is also far from cheap, although officially one of the poo est countries in the France, which is the pioneer world. For the flood of North Yemen tourism, remittances from Yemeni guest-workers in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere has resulted in high inflation.

A double room in one of the three of four hotels considered suitable for Western

They usually arrive in constitutional package groups, some although officially one of North Yemen tourism. Only a few hundred British tourists visit the country lies and elsewhere has tourists visit the country beauty in its way of the three of four hotels considered suitable for Western

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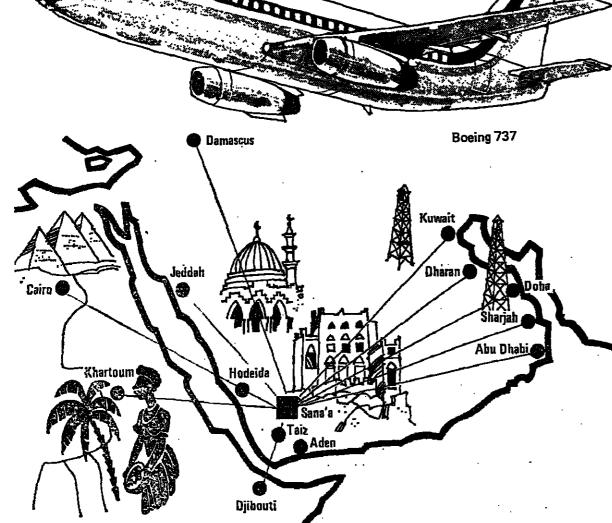
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